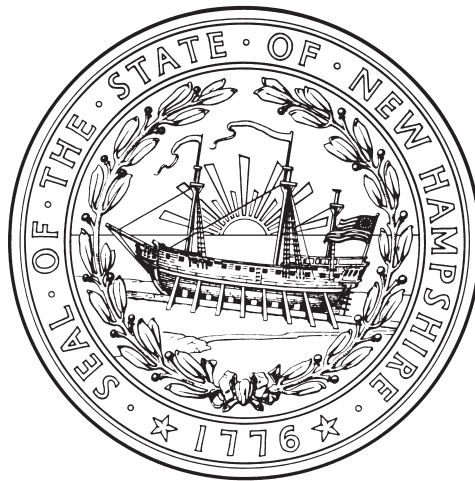


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**ADJOURNMENT – JANUARY 3, 2024 SESSION
COMMENCEMENT – JANUARY 18, 2024 SESSION**

SENATE JOURNAL 1 *(continued)*

January 3, 2024

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has passed Bills with the following titles, in the passage of which it asks the concurrence of the Senate:

HB 38-FN, (New Title) relative to the penalty for and sentencing of habitual offenders.

HB 70, relative to residency requirements for deputy town clerks.

HB 82-FN, relative to employment protection for participants in the therapeutic cannabis program.

HB 115, relative to changing the date of the state primary election.

HB 155, (New Title) relative to the higher education commission.

HB 173, relative to toilet facilities provided by restaurants.

HB 182-FN, prohibiting discharge of volunteer firefighters or volunteer emergency medical technicians from other employment.

HB 185-FN, (New Title) relative to the determination of parental rights and responsibilities based on shared parenting.

HB 202, relative to property tax abatements.

HB 243, requiring the tabulation of votes in elections to be done in public.

HB 274, relative to the administrative rulemaking process.

HB 306, relative to prohibiting reunification therapy.

HB 322, relative to establishing a committee to study the New Hampshire board of medicine.

HB 354, relative to chartered public school eligibility for state school building aid.

HB 370-FN, relative to after market window tinting on motor vehicles for drivers with medical conditions.

HB 378, (New Title) expanding the information provided to survivors of sexual assault regarding their existing rights.

HB 398, (New Title) relative to notice of PFAS contamination prior to the sale of real property.

HB 436-FN-LOCAL, (New Title) making an appropriation to the New Hampshire retirement system to pay down the unfunded accrued liability.

HB 447-FN, relative to the purchase of election equipment.

HB 463-FN, relative to the establishment of an election information portal.

HB 468-FN-A, making an appropriation to the department of education for an attorney to recodify education laws.

HB 470-FN, relative to fentanyl test strips and other drug checking equipment.

HB 472, relative to the placement of temporary seasonal docks.

HB 475, establishing a right to submit evidence and testimony in family court proceedings.

HB 476, enabling the secretary of state to conduct a second recount after an election.

HB 535-FN, (New Title) relative to appointment of counsel for a child who is the subject of a proceeding in a child protection case.

HB 558-FN, (New Title) requiring the department of energy to initiate a microgrid study.

HB 593-FN, (New Title) establishing a committee to study the process for forfeiture of items used in connection with drug offenses.

HB 602-FN, relative to landfill siting.

HB 618-FN, relative to wage garnishment with child support payments.

HB 622-FN, (New Title) relative to the grid modernization advisory group.

HB 637-FN, (New Title) relative to the calculation of average daily membership in attendance and average daily membership in residence for certain home educated pupils.

HB 644-FN, relative to regulating barbers, cosmetologists, and estheticians.

HB 645-FN, relative to the establishment of decentralized autonomous organizations as legal entities within the state.

HB 653-FN, (New Title) relative to providing additional duties to the interbranch criminal and juvenile justice council.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has passed Bills with the following titles, in the passage of which it asks the concurrence of the Senate:

HB 229-FN, relative to requiring an official declaration of war for the activation of the New Hampshire national guard.

HB 283, (New Title) relative to rental application fees charged to prospective tenants.

HB 314-FN, relative to the expectation of privacy in the collection and use of personal information.

HB 450-FN, relative to removing the net operating loss deduction limit on taxable income under the business profits tax.

HB 458, (New Title) reestablishing the commission to study the assessing of power generation.

HB 494-FN, (New Title) renaming the agricultural product and scale testing fund the agricultural products regulatory fund.

HB 518, (New Title) relative to the administration of occupations by the office of professional licensure and certification.

HB 609-FN, (New Title) relative to the site evaluation committee for energy facility siting.

HB 619-FN, (New Title) to require a person to attain the age of majority for genital gender reassignment surgery.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has referred for Interim Study the following entitled Bills sent down from the Senate:

SB 64, establishing a study committee on resident-owned manufactured housing park disputes and oversight of resident-owned manufactured housing parks.

SB 180-FN, (New Title) relative to product labeling and information guide requirements for cannabis products and the prohibition of the sale of hemp products containing certain levels of THC.

SB 201, relative to resale of event tickets.

SB 235-FN, relative to services provided through a primary care behavioral health model.

SB 239-FN, (New Title) relative to the use of harm reduction services to treat alcohol and other substance misuse.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives refuses to concur with the Senate in the passage of the following entitled Bills sent down from the Senate:

SB 13-FN, relative to recovery of search and rescue expenses.

SB 25, repealing a requirement for a report on chartered public school payments.

SB 28, relative to a portrait in the likeness of Rogers Johnson at the state house.

SB 82, relative to prompt payments for managed care.

SB 128-FN, relative to payment for legal services for persons involuntarily admitted for mental health services.

SB 151-FN, relative to mental health education.

SB 156-FN, relative to voter registration and verification of voter identity.

SB 158, relative to absentee ballot outer envelopes.

SB 191-FN, relative to road toll registration surcharges for electric vehicles.

SB 198, directing the insurance department to conduct a cost study of providing coverage for certain reproductive health care.

SB 221, (New Title) establishing a study committee to examine day care access and affordability.

SB 253, relative to parental access to a minor child's medical records.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives refuses to concur with the Senate in the passage of the following entitled Bills sent down from the Senate:

SB 190-FN, relative to advanced deposit account wagering.

SB 263-FN, extending the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program and reestablishing the commission to evaluate the effectiveness and future of the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program.

SB 267-FN, (New Title) requiring the commissioner of the department of environmental services to consider "cumulative impacts analysis" in rules and statutes.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives concurs with the Senate in the passage of the following entitled Bills sent down from the Senate:

SB 106-FN, establishing an emerging professional certificate for child care programs.

January 8, 2024
2024-0088-EBA
06/08

Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 68-FN

The Committee on Enrolled Bills to which was referred HB 68-FN

AN ACT adopting the uniform real property transfer on death act.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Explanation to Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 68-FN

This enrolled bill amendment makes a technical correction to the bill.

Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 68-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Senator Avard moved adoption of the Enrolled Bill Amendment. Adopted in recess.

January 8, 2024
2024-0085-EBA
08/10

Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 397

The Committee on Enrolled Bills to which was referred HB 397

AN ACT relative to the prohibition of the possession of hypodermic needles by minors.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Explanation to Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 397

This enrolled bill amendment makes a technical correction to the effective date.

Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 397

Amend section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

Senator Avard moved adoption of the Enrolled Bill Amendment. Adopted in recess.

Out of Recess. Call the Senate to Order.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM LATE SESSION

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

Adopted. Adjournment from the Late Session.

SENATE JOURNAL 2

January 18, 2024

The Senate reconvened at 10:00 a.m., a quorum being present.

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

Let us pray.

O God, give your love of justice to those who serve in the New Hampshire State Senate. Help them to rule with wisdom and compassion so that the poor and powerless may be treated fairly and with justice. Grant them wisdom to allocate our state resources. Please raise up people who will make laws to protect our freedoms so that we can live peacefully, quiet lives in dignity. In our general political climate throughout the nation people in our state are fiercely divided into tribal political parties unwilling to work together and compromise for the good of our state. We pray against this divisiveness that plagues our land. May the members of the New Hampshire State Senate put their agendas aside to work together in humility to serve for the good of the great state of New Hampshire. People serving in the state Senate have gifts of spirit, of service and strong, loving and wise. Let us trust that in that spirit as we work together to care for others and to build a community of care among ourselves.

Today we remember John “Jack” Barnes Jr. and Joseph “Joe” Delahunty, two men who served with distinction in the New Hampshire State Senate. Both men were pillars of their respective communities. Both were businessmen who worked hard and cared about their community and state. Both men who worked hard to find solutions for their constituents. Let their example encourage us to work just as hard and serve just as diligently as together we make New Hampshire a place to live in peace and with dignity. Amen.

Senator Perkins Kwoka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMORIAL CANDLE

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: Senator Carson, would you light the candle in honor of Senator Jack Barnes and Senator Joe Delahunty?

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: Thank you. If we could have a moment of silence for former Senator Barnes and Delahunty please. Thank you.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives concurs with the Senate in the passage of the following entitled Bill, with amendment, in the passage of which amendment the House asks the concurrence of the Senate:

SB 255-FN, relative to the expectation of privacy.

Senator Carson moved Concurrence. Adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS REMOVED

EDUCATION

SB 343, by Senator Innis

TRANSPORTATION

SB 580-FN, by Senator Gray

SPECIAL ORDER

Without objection, the following bills are Special Ordered to the next session. Adopted.

COMMERCE

HB 261, authorizing residential tenants to terminate their lease in instances of domestic violence or following a disabling illness or accident.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 387-FN, relative to a state parks pass pilot program for recovery centers and community health centers.

JUDICIARY

HB 135-FN, relative to requisites for a criminal search warrant.

TRANSPORTATION

SB 580-FN, relative to establishing a noise barrier on Teaberry Lane, Bedford, NH.

AMENDED FN Report for January 18, 2024

W/F	Bill	Title	R/C	Committ
Waive	SB 377	establishing the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) savings account program administrative fund.	Consent	EDU
Finance	SB 379	relative to emergency action plans for sports related injuries.	Consent	EDU
Waive	SB 544	replacing the deer seal system with a confirmation number system.	Consent	ENR
Finance	SB 369	directing the office of professional licensure and certification to provide notice of public meetings and an opportunity for comment, creating a new position, and making an appropriation therefor.	Consent	EDA
Waive	SB 465	relative to motorist duties when approaching highway emergencies involving a disabled vehicle.	Consent	TRANS
Waive	SB 467	relative to the establishment of the injury prevention number plates trust fund.	Consent	TRANS
Waive	SB 470	relative to allowing toll-free use for vehicles registered with municipal plates.	Consent	TRANS
Waive	SB 471	relative to adding a speed limit of 45 miles per hour on rural highways.	Consent	TRANS
Finance	SB 580	relative to establishing a noise barrier on Teaberry Lane, Bedford, NH.	Consent	TRANS
Finance	SB 583	relative to including active duty military status on drivers licenses.	Consent	TRANS
Waive	SB 374	relative to the licensing of part-time teachers.	Regular	EDU
Finance	SB 442	relative to student eligibility for education freedom accounts.	Regular	EDU
Finance	SB 345	relative to state park fees for state residents.	Regular	ENR
Finance	SB 387	relative to a state parks pass pilot program for recovery centers and community health centers.	Regular	ENR
Waive	SB 388	relative to administration of utilities by the Department of Energy.	Regular	ENR
Finance	SB 323	relative to the definition of salon.	Regular	EDA
Waive	HB 135	(New Title) relative to requisites for a criminal search warrant.	Regular	JUD

Please Note:

Senate Rule 4-5 requires every bill and joint resolution appropriating money, and every other bill which is accompanied by a fiscal note pursuant to RSA 14:44, which has been referred to another committee and found Ought to Pass by the Senate, shall be referred to the Senate Finance Committee for review, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate upon recommendation of the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee. Senator Gray has reviewed the bills in the Consent and Regular Calendars to be acted upon by the Senate on January 18, 2024, and his recommendations are listed on the attached FN Report. Bills listed as Waive should be sent to third reading and bills listed as Finance should be sent to the Senate Finance Committee. The recommendations are only applicable to bills found Ought to Pass.

Without objection, the FN Report is adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Senator Carson moved that the Consent Calendar, with the relevant amendments as printed in the day's Calendar be adopted and that all such bills found Ought to Pass be ordered as follows:

FN bills not waived under Senate Rule 4-5, to the Committee on Finance; non-FN bills approved for referral to Finance by the day's FN Report, to the Committee on Finance; and all other bills, to Third Reading.

COMMERCE

SB 325, establishing a committee to study the issue of insurance appraiser licensing.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would establish a committee to study the issue of insurance appraiser licensing. When vehicles are damaged, they should be rebuilt to meet manufacturer guidelines. Currently, however, there are cases of delays in the appraisal process and underpayment. In these cases, costs are borne either by the consumer or repair shops.

SB 332, limiting re-disclosure of consumer reports requested in connection with a credit transaction involving an extension of credit secured by real estate.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

This bill would limit the re-disclosure of consumer reports requested in connection with a credit transaction involving an extension of credit secured by real estate. When a consumer applies for a mortgage, there are entities who can purchase their information and intentionally mislead them from their chosen lender. To protect consumers, this bill would prohibit this deceptive practice. In addition, this bill would include an opt-in provision for consumers and a carveout would be made for communications to existing consumers.

SB 333, relative to access to financial services for minors in legal custody or guardianship and relative to the board of directors of mutual banks and mutual holding companies.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Chandley for the committee.

This bill would allow minors over the age of sixteen, who are in legal custody or guardianship of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to have access to financial services. To provide the Department with flexibility, this bill would grant them rulemaking authority. Additionally, this bill would permit state chartered banks to appoint qualified, highly skilled directors from neighboring states.

SB 365, relative to the sale or use of lithium-ion batteries for electric bicycles, scooters, or personal electric mobility devices.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

This bill would prohibit the sale of lithium-ion batteries, electric bicycles, or electric scooters that have not been certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. Since there has been an increase in the usage of these products, it has become necessary to establish fire safety standards and protections for consumers. Fires from these products are exceedingly rare if batteries have been certified, if they have not been damaged, and if they are not counterfeit or repurposed.

SB 477, relative to establishing a commission to review and make recommendations regarding technology-based start-up business support from the state of New Hampshire.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Gannon for the committee.

In New Hampshire, the technology sector has had a direct impact of \$11 billion on the economy. Despite this impact, New Hampshire has consistently ranked lower when it comes to investing and supporting technology-based start-up businesses. This bill would establish a commission composed of diverse stakeholders to study, review, and make recommendations on this critical issue.

EDUCATION

SB 338, relative to the education professional standards board.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Fenton for the committee.

The State Professional Standards Board to Advise the State Board of Education regarding professional growth, certification, and governance notably lacked a career development professional. Senate Bill 338 would rectify such an omission by mandating the inclusion of the administrator of the department of education's bureau of career development, or their designee, upon the professional standards board.

SB 376, relative to establishing a corrections education and vocational planning group.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Gendreau for the committee.

Senate Bill 376 would establish a Corrections Education and Vocational Planning Group, led by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, or their designee. Following an expansion of the Second Chance Pell Grant program for inmates, the need to evaluate funding for the new and existing educational programs for inmates grew significantly, which Senate Bill 376 seeks to address.

Senate Education
January 16, 2024
2024-0149s
11/06

Amendment to SB 376

Amend RSA 651-A:22-b, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. The members of the CEVPG shall be:

- (a) Commissioner of the department of corrections, or designee, who shall serve as chair;
- (b) Chancellor of the university system of New Hampshire, or designee;
- (c) Chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire, or designee;
- (d) Director of rehabilitative services, department of corrections;
- (e) Commissioner of the department of employment security, or designee;
- (f) Commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs, or designee;
- (g) Director of the division of adult education, department of education;
- (h) President of the New England Board of Higher Education, or designee;
- (i) A formerly incarcerated person, appointed by the director of rehabilitative services, department of corrections;
- (j) Executive director of OPLC, or their designee; and
- (k) Director of rehabilitative services, or their designee.

SB 377-FN, establishing the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) savings account program administrative fund.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Gendreau for the committee.

At the request of the State Treasurer and the Executive Director for the Governor's Commission on Disability, Senate Bill 377-FN provides for the establishment of a non-lapsing administrative fund for the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) savings account program. The Administrative fund, separate and distinct from other funds, would be furnished by payments received on behalf of program participants, for the purposes of facilitating the savings account program's administration.

SB 379-FN, relative to emergency action plans for sports related injuries.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Prentiss for the committee.

Seeking to further enhance the safety of our student athletes and the public, Senate Bill 379 would expand the availability of life saving Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to include school sponsored sporting events. Senate Bill 379 would additionally ensure the attendance of a CPR certified individual and require an annual drill of how to respond in an emergency. While suffering from cardiac arrest, each additional minute until response increased the odds of mortality by 10%, making AED proximity paramount towards the maintenance of positive athletic health outcomes.

SB 441, relative to establishing an advisory group to examine potential funding sources for career and technical education (CTE) construction and renovation.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Ward for the committee.

Senate Bill 441 would establish an advisory group to study potential funding sources for Career and Technical Education Center renovation and construction projects. The advisory group would enable greater coordination among CTE centers, community colleges, and local industries by assessing needs more accurately and by evaluating the feasibility of joint programs among stakeholders.

SB 444, relative to the public posting of board of education agenda items and meeting materials.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0. Senator Prentiss for the committee.

Intended to further inform the public, Senate Bill 444 required that meeting materials pertaining to State Board of Education be published at least 48 hours in advance. The Department of Education had advised that the specificity of the law was problematic, suggesting that a broader statute under RSA 91-A was preferable. Further, similar, broader efforts regarding agenda materials were underway in other committees, therefor further work was required on this legislation.

SB 528, relative to trustees of the university system.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Prentiss for the committee.

Following the 2023 merger between Granite State College and The University of New Hampshire's College of Professional Studies, the University System Board of Trustees required substantial reconfiguration. To satisfy that need, Senate Bill 528 would repeal Sections III and VII of RSA 187-A:13, subsequently reenacting the third section to read as identifying three student trustees, from Keene State College, Plymouth State University, and the University of New Hampshire, respectively. Importantly, SB 528 also provides that the third, non-voting member shall be rotated at the determination of the board.

Senate Education

January 9, 2024

2024-0105s

05/10

Amendment to SB 528

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 3:

2 Repeal. RSA 187-A:13, VII, relative to election of a member of the university system board of trustees by alumni of Granite state college, is repealed.

2024-0105s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill revises the procedure for selecting the student members of the university system board of trustees and removes the member elected by the alumni of Granite state college.

SB 529, relative to the definition of "teacher."

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0. Senator Gendreau for the committee.

Senate Bill 529, written to expand the definition of 'teacher', had the intent of providing parity regarding benefits and protections for similarly credentialled roles of different titles. Following scrutiny from the Senate Education Committee and stake-holders alike, concerns were raised towards the lack of definitions for statutorily novel titles, and further the legislations impact upon collective bargaining agreements was called into question as well.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SB 344, relative to declarations of candidacy for president of the United States.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Gray for the committee.

SB 344 makes a necessary change to the declaration of candidacy for president of the United States that is signed by presidential candidates. Currently, the RSA requires the SOS enter the primary date on the form. This bill removes that requirement and adds the words "the date so designated by the Secretary of State" rather than a specific date.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 544-FN, replacing the deer seal system with a confirmation number system.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Pearl for the committee.

This bill sought to replace the deer seal system with a confirmation number system, responding to a request from the New Hampshire Fish and Game as a housekeeping measure. Previously, hunters were required to transport harvested deer to a physical station for registration, receiving a deer seal with a metal tag as proof. In 2022, HB 1230 mandated the Fish and Game Commission to establish an online registration system, generating an electronic confirmation number for hunters. As this online process eliminates the need for a physical deer seal, SB 544 proposes updates to various statutes, substituting references to the deer seal with the confirmation number. Additionally, the bill introduces language to indicate that a list of registration stations is included in the annual Hunting and Trapping Digest.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 369-FN-A, directing the office of professional licensure and certification to provide notice of public meetings and an opportunity for comment, creating a new position, and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Carson for the committee.

SB 369-FN-A directs the office of professional licensure and certification to provide notice of public meetings and an opportunity to comment in such meetings. This bill also establishes an attorney II position for the office of professional licensure and certification. A previous version of the bill was vetoed by the governor, on whose recommendation changes were made and the legislation was resubmitted.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
January 9, 2024
2024-0104s
08/06

Amendment to SB 369-FN-A

Amend RSA 310:5, VI-VIII as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

1 New Paragraphs; Office of Professional Licensure and Certification; Notifications. Amend RSA 310:5 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraphs:

VI. All boards, councils, and commissions within the office of professional licensure and certification shall notify the public of any public meeting no less than 14 calendar days prior to the meeting unless, the chair of the board deems it prudent to hold a public meeting without sufficient notice under this section. In such instances, meetings shall be noticed in accordance with RSA 91-A. All governmental records, as defined in RSA 91-A:1-a, III, distributed to the board, council, or commission for the meeting shall be available to the public no less than 7 calendar days prior to the meeting, provided the governmental records do not contain information exempt from disclosure under RSA 91-A:5 or other applicable law. The chair of the board, council, or commission shall add items to the agenda within 7 calendar days of a meeting if, at the chair's discretion, the public's interest in the board addressing the matter outweighs the public's interest in timely access to governmental records associated with the new agenda item. In such circumstances, governmental records shall be available to the public as soon as reasonably practicable. If it is not practicable to make available to the public at least one day prior to a meeting, then paper copies of governmental records associated with the new agenda item shall be available at the meeting location upon request, provided the governmental records to be considered have undergone legal review to identify information exempt from disclosure. In such instances, materials associated with the new agenda item shall undergo legal review and be made available to the public within 7 calendar days of the public meeting or in accordance with RSA 91-A when the chair deems it prudent to hold a public meeting without sufficient notice under this section. This paragraph shall not apply to emergency meetings conducted pursuant to RSA 91-A:2; emergency hearings conducted pursuant to RSA 541-A:30, III or RSA 310:12, IV; disciplinary and non-disciplinary adjudicative or remedial proceedings conducted pursuant to RSA 310:10; and, unlicensed practice hearings conducted pursuant to RSA 310:13.

VII. All boards, councils, and commissions within the office of professional licensure and certification shall provide an opportunity for comment from the public, virtually or in person, at public meetings, in a manner established by the board, council, or commission chair within 7 calendar days of the public meeting or in accordance with RSA 91-A when the chair deems a meeting must be held without sufficient notice under this section. This paragraph shall not apply to emergency hearings conducted pursuant to RSA 541-A:30, III or RSA 310:12, IV; disciplinary and non-disciplinary remedial proceedings conducted pursuant to RSA 310:10; and, unlicensed practice hearings conducted pursuant to RSA 310:13.

VIII. All boards, councils, and commissions within the office of professional licensure and certification shall provide an opportunity for the public to submit written comments on matters before the board, council, or commission. This paragraph shall not apply to emergency hearings conducted pursuant to RSA 541-A:30, III or RSA 310:12, IV; disciplinary and non-disciplinary remedial proceedings conducted pursuant to RSA 310:10; and, unlicensed practice hearings conducted pursuant to RSA 310:13.

TRANSPORTATION

SB 465-FN, relative to motorist duties when approaching highway emergencies involving a disabled vehicle. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Fenton for the committee.

This bill requires motorists to give a wide berth when approaching highway emergencies involving a stopped or standing vehicle. This bill updates our move-over law to ensure all motorists are safe and compliant when there is a vehicle on the side of the road. An amendment has been adopted to define what a disabled vehicle is and take into account that not all vehicles on the side of the road are disabled. Therefore, we recommend this bill ought to pass with amendment.

Senate Transportation
January 10, 2024
2024-0113s
10/06

Amendment to SB 465-FN

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

AN ACT relative to motorist duties when approaching highway emergencies involving a stopped or standing vehicle.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Motorist Duties; Approaching Stopped or Standing Vehicles. Amend RSA 265:37-a, I to read as follows:

I. When in or approaching an incident involving a fire, collision, disaster, utility construction or maintenance, or other emergency resulting in partial or complete blockage of a highway, or a location where a police officer has made a traffic stop, ***or a stopped or standing vehicle***, every driver other than the driver of an emergency response vehicle, shall:

(a) Maintain a reduced speed ***and if practical give a wide berth, without endangering oncoming traffic, to public safety personnel, any persons in the roadway, and vehicles displaying blue, red, or amber emergency, warning lights, or a stopped or standing vehicle.***

(b) Obey the directions of any authorized person directing traffic and of all applicable emergency signals and traffic control devices.

(c) Vacate as soon as possible any lane wholly or partially blocked.

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

2024-0113s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds stopped or standing vehicles as highway emergencies requiring approaching drivers to give a wide berth.

SB 467-FN, relative to the establishment of the injury prevention number plates trust fund.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Ward for the committee.

This bill authorizes the Injury Prevention Center to issue motor vehicle decal plates. The revenue raised through the issuance of these decal plates will go to the Injury Prevention Center to benefit injury prevention groups across the state. These groups can use raised funds to extend their efforts to educate and assist communities in preventing and dealing with injury. This bill originally intended to raise revenue through injury prevention number license plates, but has been amended to use decal plates instead. Therefore, we recommend this bill ought to pass with amendment.

Senate Transportation

January 9, 2024

2024-0107s

02/05

Amendment to SB 467-FN

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

AN ACT authorizing the Injury Prevention Center to issue motor vehicle decal plates.

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

1 New Paragraph; Multi-Use Decal Plates; Authorized Organizations. Amend RSA 261-B:9 by inserting after paragraph XIX the following new paragraph:

XX. The Injury Prevention Center.

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

2024-0107s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the Injury Prevention Center to issue motor vehicle decal plates.

SB 468, relative to designating a portion of route 111 in Hudson as the Senator Robert E. Clegg Jr. Memorial Highway.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Ward for the committee.

This bill designates a portion of route 111 in Hudson as the Senator Robert E. Clegg Jr. Memorial Highway. Designating this portion of roadway in Senator Clegg's honor is an appropriate and honorable way to commemorate Senator Clegg's memory and his service to his community. Therefore, we recommend this bill ought to pass.

SB 470-FN, relative to allowing toll-free use for vehicles registered with municipal plates.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Watters for the committee.

SB 470 allows for the toll-free use of vehicles that are registered with municipal license plates. This bill puts into statute what is already being practiced. Vehicles registered with municipal plates are already being provided toll free use, but in recent years the Department of Transportation has discovered that there have been problems with the issuance of municipal plates. This bill will correct that issue by entering this exemption into statute and allowing the Department of Transportation to require municipalities to obtain non-revenue transponders for all appropriate vehicles. An amendment has been adopted to correct a statute citation drafting error. Therefore, we recommend that SB 470 ought to pass with amendment.

Senate Transportation
January 5, 2024
2024-0068s
11/05

Amendment to SB 470-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Subparagraph; Exemption From Tolls. Amend RSA 237:12, I by inserting after subparagraph (d) the following new subparagraph:

(e) Motor vehicles bearing plates registered to a New Hampshire municipality.

SB 471-FN, relative to adding a speed limit of 45 miles per hour on rural highways.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Watters for the committee.

SB 471 grants authority to the Department of Transportation to designate a speed limit of 45 miles per hour on rural highways. This bill will allow the Department of Transportation to give certain roads a speed limit of 45 miles per hour, rather than 55 miles per hour. Due to changing conditions, not all rural highways are fit for the 55 mile per hour speed limit determined by traditional engineering and traffic investigations, yet it is difficult for the Department of Transportation to respond to municipalities requesting to lower speed limits with existing statute. This bill will make it easier for municipalities to lower their speed limits on rural highways if they choose to do so. Therefore, we recommend that SB 471 ought to pass.

SB 583-FN, relative to including active duty military status on drivers licenses.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Watters for the committee.

This bill will allow New Hampshire active-duty military members to include their active-duty status on drivers' licenses. This allows active-duty military members to use their licenses while traveling and receiving benefits, in addition to aligning with a fee waiver. The inclusion of active-duty status will be on an opt-in basis to account for those who may not wish to disclose such information on their drivers' licenses. An amendment was adopted to adjust the effective date of this bill. Therefore, we recommend this bill ought to pass with amendment.

Senate Transportation
January 10, 2024
2024-0108s
11/08

Amendment to SB 583-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

The question is on the adoption of the Consent Calendar. Adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR

COMMERCE

SB 194, allowing students under age 21 to taste wine in educational settings.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-1. Senator Gannon for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate.

A roll call was requested by Senator Gannon, seconded by Senator Avard.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Watters, Prentiss, Ricciardi, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Carson, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller.

The following Senators voted No: Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Avar, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Bradley.

Roll Call, Yeas: 15 - Nays: 9. Adopted.

MOTION OF RECONSIDERATION

Senator Soucy, having voted on the prevailing side, moved to reconsider the following action taken by the body on SB 194, allowing students under age 21 to taste wine in educational settings. The vote on Inexpedient to Legislate.

Recess. Out of recess.

The question is on the adoption of the motion to Reconsider the vote on Inexpedient to Legislate. Adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Whitley introduced students from Abbot Downing School in Concord visiting in the gallery.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate.

A roll call was requested by Senator Soucy, seconded by Senator Avar.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Watters, Prentiss, Ricciardi, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Gannon, Altschiller.

The following Senators voted No: Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Avar, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Bradley.

Roll Call, Yeas: 13 - Nays: 11. Adopted.

SB 317, relative to establishing a New Hampshire-Ireland trade council.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-0. Senator Gannon for the committee.

Commerce

January 16, 2024

2024-0147s

11/06

Amendment to SB 317

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

1 New Section; New Hampshire-Ireland Trade Commission. Amend RSA 12-O by inserting after section 22 the following new section:

12-O:22-a New Hampshire-Ireland Trade Council.

I. The general court finds as follows:

(a) Ireland's ties to New Hampshire date back to 1719 when a group of Scots-Irish families built the settlement of Nutfield;

(b) Irish Americans were an important part of New Hampshire early history, such as Gen. John Sullivan, who helped win the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, and was New Hampshire's third Governor;

(c) New Hampshire is the most Irish state in the nation, with more than 20 percent of Granite Staters boasting of Irish ancestry;

(d) Ireland is one of New Hampshire's largest trade partners, exporting more than \$400 million in Granite State goods to Ireland annually; and

(e) New Hampshire should build upon its historic, cultural, and economic ties with the Republic of Ireland.

II. The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs and the secretary of state shall have the authority to establish a New Hampshire-Ireland trade council to meet with one or more trade councils established by the Republic of Ireland. The purpose of the council shall be to advance bilateral trade and investment between New Hampshire and Ireland, initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to New Hampshire and Ireland, and promote business and academic exchanges between New Hampshire and Ireland.

III. The members of the council shall include:

- (a) Two senators, appointed by the president of the senate.
- (b) Two house members, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (c) The commissioner of the department of business and economic development, or their designee.
- (d) The secretary of state, or their designee.
- (e) A representative from the Business and Industry Association, selected by that organization.
- (f) A representative of the division of economic development, appointed by the commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs.
- (g) A representative of the university system of New Hampshire, appointed by the chancellor.
- (h) Two public members, appointed by the governor.
- (i) Such other members as the commissioner and secretary of state may appoint.

IV. The council shall elect a chairperson, whose duties shall include calling meetings.

V. The New Hampshire-Ireland trade council shall be authorized to raise and accept funds, through direct solicitation or other fundraising events, alone, or with other groups, and accept gifts, grants, and bequests from individuals, corporations, foundations, government agencies, and public and private organizations and institutions.

VI. There is hereby established in the state treasury the New Hampshire-Ireland trade council fund. The funds shall be comprised of monies obtained according to paragraph V, and shall be used to defray the council's administrative costs and to carry out its purposes. The fund shall be non-lapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the council.

2 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; New Hampshire-Ireland trade council fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (394) the following new subparagraph:

(395) Moneys deposited in the New Hampshire-Ireland trade council fund as established in RSA 12-O:22-a.

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

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

SB 331-A, relative to certain historic commemorations.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Soucy for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

EDUCATION

SB 374-FN, relative to the licensing of part-time teachers.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2. Senator Lang for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass.

A roll call was requested by Senator Avard, seconded by Senator Soucy.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Birdsell introduced students from Next Charter School in Derry visiting in the gallery.

SB 442-FN, relative to student eligibility for education freedom accounts.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2. Senator Lang for the committee.

Senate Education
January 9, 2024
2024-0101s
02/05

Amendment to SB 442-FN

Amend RSA 194-F:1, VI(b) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) A student whose enrollment transfer request was denied pursuant to RSA 193:3, and exhausted all appeals granted in RSA 193:3.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

Recess. Out of recess.

Without objection, Senator Birdsell moved to call the question. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

A roll call was requested by Senator Avar, seconded by Senator Lang.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Avar, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Ricciardi, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 13 - Nays: 11. Adopted, bill ordered to the Committee on Finance (Rule 4-5).

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

CACR 22, relating to the New Hampshire presidential primary. Providing that the New Hampshire presidential primary shall be the first presidential primary of a presidential election cycle.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Abbas for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass.

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Watters, Prentiss, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Fenton, Chandley, Avar, Rosenwald, Carson, Whitley, Murphy, Pearl, Soucy, Birdsell, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: (None)

Roll Call, Yeas: 24 - Nays: 0. Adopted by necessary 3/5 vote. Resolution ordered to Third Reading.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 345-FN, relative to state park fees for state residents.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0. Senator Pearl for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to the Committee on Finance (Rule 4-5).

SB 388-FN, relative to administration of utilities by the department of energy.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0. Senator Pearl for the committee.

Energy and Natural Resources
January 16, 2024
2024-0150s
10/06

Amendment to SB 388-FN

Amend the bill by deleting section 4 and renumbering the original sections 5-10 to read as 4-9, respectively.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

SB 474, relative to prohibiting metal detecting in certain areas.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

Energy and Natural Resources

January 16, 2024

2024-0156s

12/08

Amendment to SB 474

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Historic Resources; Treasure Hunting. Amend RSA 227-C:12, II to read as follows:

II. Treasure hunting with metal detectors and dowsing rods is exempted from the restrictions of this subdivision on the following lands owned or controlled by the state, its agencies, departments, commissions, and institutions, unless an historic resource on such land has been recorded and restrictions are posted:

- (a) Beaches;
- (b) ~~Athletic fields;~~
- (c) ~~School grounds;~~
- (d) Perimeters of cemeteries;
- ~~(e)~~ (c) Unpaved roads;
- ~~(f)~~ (d) Within 25 feet of picnic tables and park pavilions; and
- ~~(g)~~ (e) Currently used ~~[dumps:]~~ **landfills or transfer stations.**

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

SB 587, relative to animals brought into this state.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0. Senator Pearl for the committee.

Energy and Natural Resources

January 16, 2024

2024-0152s

08/06

Amendment to SB 587

Amend RSA 437:9, V as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. Exceptions to the quarantine requirements for individual animals that have entered the state and are intended for transfer that may allow littermates, with age restrictions, to share appropriately sized enclosures.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 323-FN, relative to the definition of salon.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-0. Senator Pearl for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate. Adopted.

FINANCE

SB 311-FN-A-L, relative to property tax offset for the town of Hampstead and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

SB 395, relative to establishing the position of assistant commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0. Senator Gray for the committee.

Senator Pearl offered a Floor Amendment.

Sen. Pearl, Dist 17

January 9, 2024

2024-0092s

08/06

Floor Amendment to SB 395

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

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

The question is on the adoption of the Floor Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 324, relative to lottery license renewal notices.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

Senate Ways and Means

January 4, 2024

2024-0060s

02/08

Amendment to SB 324

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

1 Bingo and Lucky 7; Application Fee; Application of Funds. Amend RSA 287-E:19, II to read as follows:

II. Applications for renewal shall be received by the commission 15 days prior to expiration, unless such requirement is waived by the commission for good cause shown. ***The commission shall notify licensees licensed under RSA 287-E if their license under this section expires or is rejected for renewal by the commission no less than 45 days before such expiration or rejection.***

2 Suspension; Revocation. Amend RSA 287-E:25 to read as follows:

287-E:25 Suspension; Revocation. The commission shall suspend or revoke the license of any licensee and/or impose an administrative fine upon the licensee upon a finding that the licensee has violated any provision of this subdivision. Any licensee whose license is revoked shall not be eligible for licensure for a period of up to one year from the date of revocation. ***The commission shall notify licensees licensed under RSA 287-E if their license is revoked or suspended under this section by the commission no less than 45 days before such revocation or suspension.***

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

2024-0060s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the lottery commission to notify lucky 7 licensees when their license expires or is revoked.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

SB 513, relative to permitting charity auctions by non-profit corporations.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

Senate Ways and Means

January 3, 2024

2024-0055s

11/05

Amendment to SB 513

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Charity Auctions By Non-Profit Corporations. Amend RSA 311-B:13 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

II-a. Non-member individuals hired by a charitable, educational, religious, or other non-profit organization, if eligible under RSA 7:21, II(b), within the state may engage in auctioneering services for charity auctions without a license for that organization. A contract for auctioneering services shall be in writing. No individual's contract shall involve the care, custody, or control of any of the auction's revenues. The repository for the auction's revenues shall be identified in the contract. The contract shall state the auctioneer's duties and compensation, if any, whether monetary or otherwise. The auctioneer shall not receive any commission from sales or a percentage of the revenues as compensation.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS REMOVED

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: We are at the conclusion of the Regular Calendar and will take up the bill that was removed from the Consent Calendar.

EDUCATION

SB 343, relative to school based health services.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0. Senator Lang for the committee.

Senator Avard moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM EARLY SESSION

Senator Carson moved that the Senate adjourn from the Early Session, that the business of the Late Session be in order at the present time, that all bills and resolutions ordered to Third Reading be, by this resolution, read a third time, all titles be the same as adopted, and that they be passed at the present time.

Adopted. Adjournment from the Early Session.

LATE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The Chair recognized Senator Carson.)

SENATOR CARSON: Thank you, Mister President. I received an email this morning from a constituent of one of our Senators, the Senator from District 12. That we are not going to be in session next week and he is going to be having a very special day next week. It is his birthday and so his constituent, Morgan, asked me to please recognize the Senator from District 12 on the floor and have everybody please wish him an early happy birthday. Happy birthday, Senator.

(The Chair recognized Senator Prentiss.)

SENATOR PRENTISS: Thank you. I'd like to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a friend who passed away shortly after Christmas, Carlene Thomas Whitcomb, 54 years old of Littleton, New Hampshire. Carlene was born in New Hampshire. raised in New Hampshire and settled in the North Country. She started her nursing career in 1991 and served up until days before her passing in 2023. Again, right after Christmas. She's a role model not just for the nurses that we have now but for the nurses into the future. Her service, she's a public servant, she has dedicated her life to the health care community, most importantly to her family. Her selflessness and compassion at the bedside has changed lives and changed her community.

Carlene's husband Jeff was also a friend of mine and sadly Jeff passed away two years ago. So I would, he was a firefighter in Littleton, he was actually one of our fire training instructors here for the state of New Hampshire. So, losing both Carlene and Jeff in such a short period of time has been, it creates a big hole in Littleton, New Hampshire.

I would ask that you join me in keeping and honoring Carlene's work and also in remembering their two daughters, Emma, who was born on the same day and is the same age as my daughter Phoebe, and Sarah. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Ricciardi.)

SENATOR RICCIARDI: Thank you, Mister President. Yaron Chitiz, nephew of David Sacks. David Sacks is a friend of mine and he was born in South Africa. He moved to Israel and completed his BS in engineering. He moved to the United States in 1995 and lived in Bedford from 2000 to 2011. He was active in the movement to bring a high school to Bedford. He served on the school board from 2004 to 2010 and as chairman for the last two years. He was privileged to lead the school district to a successful vote for a high school bond in 2005 and see the new high school and middle school complex open in 2007, graduating its first seniors in 2009.

David has three sisters and they moved to Israel while he was studying there. Later on his youngest sister, Tracy, moved to the United States and worked as a traveling nurse practitioner out of Georgia. His oldest sister Debbie has five children. Her youngest son, Yaron, 23, was nearing the end of his mandatory service in the IDF after the horrific assault by Hamas on Israel on October 7th. Yaron, like many others, were deployed to the south of Israel and into Gaza. Whenever possible, Yaron would send messages and photos from the front.

The family was surprised on the weekend, December 22nd and 23rd, when Yaron came home after 80 straight days at war. The video of him walking into the house and surprising his mother went viral. The joy and relief clearly evident.

Yaron returned to the fighting in Gaza the following week and tragically fell in battle on December 26, 2023. Just one week shy of his 24th birthday. We have learned that Yaron, an officer, had volunteered for guard duty during which he and a fellow soldier came under fire from snipers and sadly were killed. The rest of the unit was alerted by the gunfire and as a result the lives of the rest of the unit were saved. He died a national hero.

Yaron was buried on December 28th with full military honors. His funeral was attended by approximately 4,500 people. Yaron was a vivacious person with a magnetic smile. He loved the simple things like a barbecue near the beach every weekend. He was also a fan of Liverpool, an English soccer team.

Such was Yaron's impact and effect on people that testimonials and tributes have come far and wide. He was mentioned during the Israeli TV broadcast of Liverpool's next game. During the singing of their anthem, You'll Never Walk Alone. Famous singers, personalities, and politicians sent messages to the family, either digitally or in person. A dear friend honored him after scoring a goal in a local Israeli soccer match. Yaron was the perfect child who was a combination of the best of his family's attributes. He will be sorely missed by his parents, Debbie and Clive, siblings, Doron, Daniel, Dovie, and Yael, his girlfriend, Dara, family, and extended friends. Thank you, Mister President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Innis.)

SENATOR INNIS: Thank you, Mister President. Life is full of sorrows and joys. A couple joys here. The first is that after four years together, Spencer and I are getting married in August at the farm. Thank you. And the second announcement, which probably bigger, my son and his wife express it differently, but I say that they are expecting my first grandchild on July 13th.

(The Chair recognized Senator Pearl.)

SENATOR PEARL: Thank you, Mister President. Let me start with this. To know Jack Barnes was to love him. I never did get to serve with Jack, but he sat in this seat for many years, represented the District 17. I know that he was as big as life could possibly be. He served in this distinguished body from 1992 to 2012, with one term in which he took a respite from 1998 to 2000. He also served in the New Hampshire House of Representatives from 1998, excuse me, 1988 to 1992.

You never had to guess where Jack Barnes stood on an issue. And you'd be hard pressed not to hear about where he stood up on an issue. Jack was an incredible figure. He was a dedicated husband to his wonderful wife Fran until she passed away in 2021. He was an incredibly hard worker having opened the McDonald's restaurant franchise with his wife Fran in Raymond in 1979, and they ran it until they retired.

He was a committed volunteer for his state and community. You know about his life in the State Senate, but he also served on many boards and committees in Raymond, including as a town selectman for nineteen years, up until he retired from that board in 2021.

Jack served in the U.S. Army and was a proud veteran of the Korean War. He loved marching in the parades and encouraging other veterans and promoting the VFW.

But here are some of the most fun Jack Barnes facts. Jack had a passion for collecting match books. The entire second floor of his home was dedicated to displaying the tens of thousands of matchbooks he had acquired during his lifetime. I had the good fortune of going up there. I just hoped you never had a house fire. I'm telling you, that whole upper floor was full of matchbooks.

When you called Jack up at home, he would answer the phone, Fenway Park North. Most everyone knows that he was very likely the biggest Red Sox fan in New Hampshire, possibly in the nation.

When you asked Jack how he was doing, he would say, "I couldn't be better." And in the year 2008, the Honorable Jack Barnes won the nomination for Vice President of the United States in the New Hampshire presidential primary. He received about 40,000 votes.

Jack really was larger than life. The town of Raymond, the state of New Hampshire, and the United States of America is a much better place having been the beneficiary of Jack's tremendous service to the community. Rest in peace, Jack, for a life well lived, you will be missed.

(The Chair recognized Senator Abbas.)

SENATOR ABBAS: Thank you, Mister President. I'm speaking today to honor former Senate President, Joseph Delahunty, who's passed away. Anyone who knew him just knew how valued he was in my community, the hometown of Salem. He loved his community. He loved the state. He loved his country. And most importantly, he also loved his family.

When someone passes away and when I was asking members of the community to tell me some things about President Delahunty, it's very rare you come across someone who is universally well respected and appreciated by members of all different backgrounds. And I cannot hear anything negative. Everyone loved this man. you and just spoke so highly of him. And for someone to have that level of respect is something. I always say, when I ran for office in the District 22, I referred to as a legacy seat, and when I say that I'm referring to prior people who have held this seat. And President Delahunty is one of those individuals.

He ran his own business, was well known in the area, incredibly hard working. He employed so many students, kids in high school that, and taught them hard work. And then a lot of these students were athletes. Never missed a football game. He's always there, always a supporter of athletics. And that really resonated well in the community because athletics, to me, extracurricular activities is really important for young kids.

But what I can tell you is, what I really was interested in when I heard, how much he loved to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. I hear that was really, before my time up here, but I hear there's a lot of fun. So if anyone is participating anyone here has participated in those fun St. Patrick's Day celebrations, please share those. But what that got me thinking was, I want to ask you is keep President Delahunty's family in your thoughts and prayers, but when St. Patrick's Day does roll around, well regardless of what tasty beverage you enjoy, please keep President Delahunty in your thoughts and prayers on that day as well and say a toast to him on that day and anyone wants to join me in a toast on St. Patrick's Day around that time we can we can do that.

So, I also want to say that when it comes to for our President Delahunty he took an incredible amount of pride in teaching and educating other legislators on how to conduct themselves and how to really, what it truly means to be, and regardless of what body you sat in, and that's really important, that when you have new people kind of getting involved in politics whether it's lower level or at the state level to really guide people the right way and let them value the tradition that the state has so I just if everyone wants to say a prayer at some point today, I would appreciate that and again we lost another hero of the state. Thank you, Mister President.

(The Chair recognized Senator D'Allesandro.)

SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Mister President. I think three of us served with Joe and Jack. Sharon, yourself, and myself.

Joe D. Joe Delahunty, big cigar, smoking all the time. Willing to help anybody. Joe D. He was a class act. I might say he called me a few times asking for favors and I delivered. Not the flowers, but I delivered. Anyway, Joe D's business in Salem, something remarkable. I mean community guy did great things and we should remember Joe D. for the quality of his service here in the state. Going up to the president's office was easy. You'd walk in, you know, Joe would be there, and he would have the cigar. Always had the cigar and no smoking anymore in the State House anyway, but Joe was the manifestation of a quality guy, a real quality guy. And I had the privilege of working with him on some issues and appreciated that fact. And certainly Chuck

Morse was the disciple of Joe D. in the image and likeness and the business and so forth and so on. But let's remember Joe as our Senate President, as a leader, as a quality guy, and as a person who really cared about others. Okay, that's the key issue.

Now Jackie Barnes, I served with the great Jack Barnes. And he drove me crazy. I want to make that clear. He drove me out of my mind. Repeatedly, day after day. He was a proponent of Schlitz beer. Okay? Nothing like a Schlitz for Jack Barnes. And his love of the Kroc family and his stories about McDonald's. And every once in a while, I'd meet him in Raymond at the McDonald's place and sit down and have a chat with Jack.

The love of his life, they met at UNH. I met my wife at UNH. Jack met his wife at UNH. She was a peach. No question about it. The best thing with Jack was his wife. I want to make that perfectly clear. That's for sure. She was a guiding light and I'm sure kept him on the straight and narrow when it was possible. And I'm not sure it was possible all the time.

But I can remember Mister President, riding around with Jack Barnes when he did the reallocation of seats when we had that little redistricting situation. Oh boy. So, I was Jack's partner. I was the minority guy on the team as we drove around the state. And Jack was a very biased guy. We were going to have 19 seats in the Senate when I'm finished with this. And he was absolutely right. He got them. He got them.

But remember, if you will, just remember Jack and Joe as guys who came here and were really decent human beings. That's the key issue. And if you're leaving a legacy in this life, it ought to be that you were decent. You were decent, you were honorable, and what you did made the lives of others better. You know, that's a key element. And if they could say that about each and every one of us, when we leave this chamber or when we're gone, and I think that's a hallmark to good government. Thank you, Mister President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Carson.)

SENATOR CARSON: Thank you, Mister President. I rise to speak about our former colleague, Senator Barnes. I had the pleasure of serving with Senator Barnes. And I have to tell you, there's things that I remember about him that, you know, that just are wonderful memories for me.

I remember his sense of humor. He always had, his sense of humor was amazing. And sometimes, if you didn't know him, you kind of wonder, is he for real here? Is this, you'd have to question it. His love of Moxie, he loved Moxie. And I was like, oh God, that stuff, but he loved it. The other thing is when the Red Sox started the preseason, he'd have two ties. He'd have his blue tie, which meant the Red Sox won. But if he was wearing his black Red Sox tie, you know they lost. So, you could judge what his mood was going to be on that particular day.

He was great. He was honest, he was open, he was welcoming. He had a tremendous amount of respect for every person sitting in the chamber. But more importantly, he had respect for the traditions of the Senate. And he upheld those. And if he saw a young Senator, as I was, getting out of line, he'd pull me aside and he'd say, hey, you need to rethink this. There's a better way to do this. So, he would actually mentor Senators as well.

So, Mister President, I just felt I needed to get up and speak about my great memories of Jack Barnes. Even seeing him after he left, he would be walking in the Manchester Mall with his wife. And he'd always want to stop, and you know, hey, what's going on, what's doing this and that. Even though he wasn't here, he still tried to keep his fingers on the pulse of what's happening because he loved this institution, and he loved the state of New Hampshire. Thank you very much, Mister President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Soucy.)

SENATOR SOUCY: Thank you, Mister President. Couldn't help myself, but I do want to clarify one thing that my colleague from District 20 said. I actually served in the house with Jack Barnes. My very first term in 1990, we were on the same committee. The Municipal and County Government Committee. And I've known him ever since. And there are many, many funny stories. You've heard. several of them today, his penchant for Schlitz beer and all kinds of other things. But there are two things that I especially remember about Jack Barnes. One is that, and I think it's probably appropriate to tell the story at this time, but Jack would anonymously fund the transportation costs for any fourth-grade class that couldn't afford to come to the State House that was in his district. And he made it a point to do that every year. That's the kind of person that Jack was. And I also think we'd be remiss if we didn't mention probably one of the most important issues to him, and that was the POW-MIA flag. He was instrumental in seeing that that was flown over the State House and remained very, very committed to those individuals and their families. So just wanted to add that to all the other accolades and tributes.

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.

LATE SESSION

Third Reading and Final Passage

CACR 22, relating to the New Hampshire presidential primary. Providing that the New Hampshire presidential primary shall be the first presidential primary of a presidential election cycle.

SB 311-FN-A-LOCAL, relative to property tax offset for the town of Hampstead and making an appropriation therefor.

SB 317, relative to establishing a New Hampshire-Ireland trade council.

SB 324, relative to lottery license renewal notices.

SB 325, establishing a committee to study the issue of insurance appraiser licensing.

SB 331-A, relative to certain historic commemorations.

SB 332, limiting re-disclosure of consumer reports requested in connection with a credit transaction involving an extension of credit secured by real estate.

SB 333, relative to access to financial services for minors in legal custody or guardianship and relative to the board of directors of mutual banks and mutual holding companies.

SB 338, relative to the education professional standards board.

SB 344, relative to declarations of candidacy for president of the United States.

SB 365, relative to the sale or use of lithium-ion batteries for electric bicycles, scooters, or personal electric mobility devices.

SB 374-FN, relative to the licensing of part-time teachers.

SB 376, relative to establishing a corrections education and vocational planning group.

SB 377-FN, establishing the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) savings account program administrative fund.

SB 388-FN, relative to administration of utilities by the department of energy.

SB 395, relative to establishing the position of assistant commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food.

SB 441, relative to establishing an advisory group to examine potential funding sources for career and technical education (CTE) construction and renovation.

SB 465-FN, relative to motorist duties when approaching highway emergencies involving a stopped or standing vehicle.

SB 467-FN, authorizing the Injury Prevention Center to issue motor vehicle decal plates.

SB 468, relative to designating a portion of route 111 in Hudson as the Senator Robert E. Clegg Jr. Memorial Highway.

SB 470-FN, relative to allowing toll-free use for vehicles registered with municipal plates.

SB 471-FN, relative to adding a speed limit of 45 miles per hour on rural highways.

SB 474, relative to prohibiting metal detecting in certain areas.

SB 477, relative to establishing a commission to review and make recommendations regarding technology-based start-up business support from the state of New Hampshire.

SB 513, relative to permitting charity auctions by non-profit corporations.

SB 528, relative to trustees of the university system.

SB 544-FN, replacing the deer seal system with a confirmation number system.

SB 587, relative to animals brought into this state.

MOTION TO RECESS TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Senator Carson moved that the business of the day being completed, that the Senate recess to the Call of the Chair for the purposes of introducing legislation, referring bills to committee, scheduling hearings, sending and receiving messages, vacating bills, and processing enrolled bill reports and amendments and when we recess, we recess to the Call of the Chair.

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