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Speaker Creates Three Special House Committees, Appoints Leadership

Concord, NH: House Speaker Sherman Packard (R-Londonderry) has created three special committees for the new biennium, and has appointed the below listed House Members to Chair and Vice positions. Two of the Special Committees will explore two of the most pressing issues many NH families are facing - housing, and childcare. A third committee will review the hundreds of commissions within state government, and make recommendations to change, combine or repeal commissions in order to increase efficiency and reduce or remove duplication in their work.

Each special committee will consist of 10 House members, split evenly between Republicans and Democrats.

Special Committee on Housing

Chair: Representative Joseph Alexander (R-Goffstown)

Vice Chair: Representative Ben Baroody (D-Manchester)

The Special Committee on Housing will identify and investigate matters related to New Hampshire's housing crisis. Legislation related to this subject matter will be reviewed by this Committee, and the Committee may recommend legislation.

Special Committee on Childcare

Chair: Representative Ross Berry (R-Manchester)

Vice Chair: Representative Debra DeSimone (R-Atkinson)

The Special Committee on Childcare will identify and investigate matters related to New Hampshire's childcare crisis. Legislation related to this subject matter will be reviewed by this Committee, and the Committee may recommend legislation.

Special Committee on Commissions

Chair: Representative Tom Dolan (R-Londonderry)

Vice Chair: Representative John Potucek (R-Derry)

The Special Committee on Commissions will review active statutory committees and commissions to verify they are still useful and in compliance with RSA 91-A. The Committee may call Members of these bodies to testify. The Committee may propose legislation to address issues discovered.

"We will have a lot of legislation this year dealing with the subject matter of these new committees, and I look forward to having these teams of people be able to focus on policy and solutions in these areas," Speaker Packard said.

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