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HB 635 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

establishing a committee to study state rest areas.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Patten, Merr 17; Rep. Burns, Merr 2

COMMITTEE:

Public Works and Highways

ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

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19 6 New Paragraph; Rest Areas; Requests for Proposals. Amend RSA 12-A:43-b by inserting after
20 paragraph II the following new paragraph:

21 III. The department of resources and economic development and the department of
22 transportation may solicit requests for proposals to sponsor or purchase naming rights to any
23 New Hampshire rest area. Any proceeds from this section shall be used to operate existing rest
24 areas. All results of such requests for proposals shall be submitted to the long range capital
25 planning and utilization committee established in RSA 17-M:1 for approval.

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HB 635 FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT establishing a committee to study state rest areas and relative to the solicitation of requests for proposals for the naming rights to rest areas.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Transportation and the Department of Resources and Economic Development state this bill, as amended by the House (Amendment #2013-787h), may increase state restricted revenues by an indeterminable amount in FY 2014 and each year thereafter. There will be no fiscal impact on county and local revenues, or state, county, and local expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of Transportation and the Department of Resources and Economic Development state the proposed legislation authorizes the Departments to solicit proposals, subject to the approval of the long range capital planning and utilization committee, for sponsorship of; or the purchase of naming rights to any state rest area. The proposed legislation specifies any resulting revenues be utilized to support the operations of the rest area(s). The Departments are unable to estimate to what extent the sale of sponsorships or naming rights to state rest areas will increase state restricted revenues. The Departments note the marketability and revenue potential of sponsorships and naming rights would vary dependent upon each rest area's location and level of exposure.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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METHODOLOGY:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states the proposed legislation forms a committee to study the staffing of currently closed rest areas and to develop a process for soliciting requests for proposals to sponsor or purchase naming rights to New Hampshire's rest areas. The proposed legislation requires the committee to report its findings and recommendations to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2013. The proposed legislation will have no fiscal impact on state, county, or local expenditures or revenues.

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AN ACT requiring the department of transportation to develop a procedure for soliciting requests for proposals for the sponsorship or naming rights of New Hampshire rest areas.

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1 259:1 Department of Transportation; Rest Areas; Procedure for Soliciting Requests for
2 Proposals. The department of transportation, in consultation with the department of resources and
3 economic development, shall develop a procedure for soliciting requests for proposals for the
4 sponsorship or naming rights, or both, for any New Hampshire rest area and shall submit such
5 procedure to the long range capital planning and utilization committee established in RSA 17-M:1
6 within 90 days of the effective date of this section for its review and approval. Any proceeds from
7 this section shall be used to operate existing rest areas.

8 259:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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10 Approved: July 24, 2013

11 Effective Date: July 24, 2013

Amendments



Amendment to HB 635

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

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3 AN ACT establishing a committee to study the staffing of currently closed rest areas and to
4 develop a process for soliciting requests for proposals to sponsor or purchase
5 naming rights to New Hampshire rest areas.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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Committee Minutes

**SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
TRANSPORTATION**

Senator Jim Rausch Chairman
 Senator Peggy Gilmour V Chairman
 Senator David Boutin
 Senator Nancy Stiles
 Senator David Watters

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Date: March 28, 2013

HEARINGS

Tuesday 4/2/2013

TRANSPORTATION	LOB 103	1:00 PM
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

1:00 PM	HB635	(New Title) establishing a committee to study state rest areas and relative to the solicitation of requests for proposals for the naming rights to rest areas.
1:15 PM	HB242	relative to child passenger restraint requirements.
1:45 PM	HB508	relative to idling by diesel locomotives.

Sponsors:

HB635

Rep. Dick Patten Rep. Scott Burns

HB242

Rep. Sally Kelly Rep. Mary Ann Knowles Rep. Frank Davis
 Sen. Martha Fuller Clark Rep. Dianne Schuett

HB508

Rep. Norman Major Rep. Debra DeSimone Rep. William Friel

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jennifer Horgan, Legislative Aide

HB 635 – (New Title) establishing a committee to study state rest areas and relative to the solicitation of requests for proposals for the naming rights to rest areas.

Hearing Date: 04/02/2013

Time Opened: 1:00 PM

Time Closed: 1:30 PM

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Rausch, Gilmour, Boutin, Stiles, Watters

Members of the Committee Absent: No one

Bill Analysis: I. Establishes a committee to study the staffing of currently closed state rest areas.
II. Permits the department of resources and economic development and the department of transportation to solicit requests for proposals to sponsor or purchase naming rights to rest areas.

Sponsors: Rep. Patten, Merr 17; Rep. Burns, Merr 2

Who supports the bill: Representative Burns, Representative Chandler

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral on the bill: Mike Pillsbury (Department of Transportation)

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Burns

- NH rest stops are not always in the best condition and many of them are closed.
- Need to have a study to see what can be done to keep them open, reduce costs and generate money.
- Have civil organizations to run them to cut some costs and sell some NH products.
- Senator Stiles who gets the money

- That's parts of the study

Representative Chandler

- This was heard by House Public Works and Highways. Felt it was important to at least get the departments involved, whether Department of Transportation or Department of Resources and Economic Development.
- DRED operates them and DOT owns them, which is why both agencies are named in here. The wording allows either one of these departments to use the money.
- It might generate some money, don't know if it is allowable under federal laws and therefore giving the authorizing for them to do it if they want to, instead of wasting a year simply studying it.
- Gives us a black eye because many of them are not open and the condition of them. If this generates a small amount of money that keeps them open, then it is worth trying.
- There is another bill dealing with naming rights that is on a broader level that we have retained because of federal issues. Feel this is a small step forward, still need to do the study because it is a bigger issue than this, but this may help.
- Senator Boutin pointed out that there are no guidelines as to how they are going to decide which solicitations to accept.
 - That's why it is worded the way it is. The solicitations would come before Long Range and Capital Planning, which will give legislative oversight. Not even sure if we will get enough responses for this to be a concern.
- Senator Boutin referenced concerns with one of the state agencies currently dealing with a snafu with a contract awarded. If you don't have any guidelines established it could result in problems.
 - I have confidence in the departments. McDonald's might send in a proposal for 1 year for \$10,000 and Wendy's might send on in for 25 years at \$5,000 a year and I think it would be up to the Department to analyze what's best. We would waste the first year of what the study is going to do if we came up with the guidelines, but I would like to see if we can do this without that.
- Senator Boutin asked who will set the standards, the Department or Long Range if McDonald's wants to put up a 300ft sign and Burger King wants to get a 500ft sign.
 - I think we will be able to accomplish something without that kind of guidelines, like we did in Hooksett. I don't know what the department would say, I would rather give them the flexibility and they can set those guidelines.
- Senator Gilmour asked if this would only be limited to signing or if sponsors could sell their products there as well.
 - It would give them sponsorship and signage, but not the ability to sell products.
- Senator Stiles asked in talking about naming rights, if it would be like an advertisement.
 - An advertisement, for an amount of money, like the naming of the Verizon Wireless Center, not talking about allowing them to build something.
- Senator Stiles asked if Representative Chandler is envisioning volunteer groups, because if there is a Dunkin Donuts sign then people may expect to get coffee.
 - The signs would say this rest area is sponsored by... The old way of running these aren't going to work anymore and these shouldn't be funded in whole by the DOT and the Highway Fund. If it needs refining then fine, but thinks it is so important that we need to try to do something.

- Senator Watters pointed on line 23-24 where it says “existing rest areas” and asked if that would be the ones that are currently closed.
 - Ideally those would be the ones we would want to get reopened. There may be some that are determined to not warrant being open, but there are some that are closed in the winter and open in the summer. “Existing” was to make clear that we are not opening a new one.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition:

None

Summary of testimony presented in the neutral:

Mike Pillsbury (Department of Transportation)

- From a study perspective we support this bill. There are three seasonal rest stops that are currently closed and there is a desire to look at the travelers needs.
- The amended part, authorizing the departments to solicit proposals is almost enabling legislation. In recent Transportation Reauthorization, Map-21, the federal government did decide to allow rest areas, where federal funds were used, to solicit for sponsorships. Still waiting for guidance as to what would be allowed: the size of signs, receipt uses, etc. This legislation would allow us to roll those in when the federal guidance is crafted.
- Senator Boutin asked what the department would be more comfortable with: blanket authorization or having more guidelines determined by this study committee.
 - The federal government will be restrictive on what we can and cannot do and there could be a conflict if we say now what will be allowed. Nearly all of our welcome centers were done with federal funds and we cannot sell items there. There are a lot of restrictions already and we need to get a better understanding of what they will end up being. Where the federal government is leaning towards is the sign, sponsorship, and picking up trash. I am comfortable with the way it is now because it comes back to Long Range. I do not think it is premature, but if we put on qualifications on it now the feds could end up restricting that.
- Senator Watters pointed to lines 24-25 that the RFPs would go to Long Range. Would the procedures go to JLCAR and what kind of oversight would there be on the processes involved as to who gets to do what.
 - Doesn't see any legislative oversight beyond Long Range. If there needed to be rule making, then it would go to JLCAR, but that would have to be a legislative statement and therefore the department would have to go through the rule making process. Subsequently, would want to wait for federal guidance to ensure that they match up.
- Senator Stiles asked when we could anticipate the guidelines.
 - They have some other policies they are working on and this is not high on their priority list. I would expect guidance within a year.
- Senator Stiles asked if this timeframe is going to help address this.
 - The expectation isn't that we would put sponsorship out this summer, understanding that we still need to determine the guidelines in conjunction with the federal government. It would be a year from now and at the same time the study would be looking at the closed centers. In discussions with DRED on where the operating

costs lie and to use federal planning funds to look at rest areas in general. There are 5 welcome centers in VT, Maine has 7, and including the closed ones, we have 16.

- Senator Rausch asked if all of the rest areas fall under the federal guidelines.
 - Currently, the Hooksett ones are outside of them and there may be one or two on a secondary road, but most have used some federal funds and therefore fall under that jurisdiction.
- Senator Rausch stated that we really need those guidelines in order to proceed with this.
 - See that the feds have opened it up and this is directing the department to work towards that.
- Senator Rausch asked if it is appropriate that both departments are in the bill and need to concur.
 - I think that is appropriate as we have been working together on these. Currently, discussing DOT employing DRED to operate the facilities.
- Senator Rausch asked if the language should only read to sponsor and not purchase as well.
 - I think it is fine as it reads, the federal government has used sponsorship and this will give us the flexibility if they expand.
- Senator Boutin stated that on line 23, any proceeds would be used to operate existing rest areas and asked since in some cases DOT runs it and some DRED does, so who would receive the proceeds.
 - Currently, the operating budget for all of them has been transferred to DRED. In working on the Budget with the House, the operating budget is being transferred to DOT and then they will have a class line to transfer the funds to DRED. Therefore, in this, the DOT would have an organizational code, so that the revenue would go directly into that class line for DRED.
- Senator Stiles asked where the proceeds to run these are currently coming from.
 - From the Highway Fund or Turnpikes.
- Senator Rausch stated that the DOT receives the moneys and they pay DRED out of a line item.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Future Action: The Committee took the bill under advisement.

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Date hearing report completed: 04/05/2013

[file: HB 635 report]

Speakers

Testimony

Horgan, Jennifer

From: Dick Patten [dickpatten7@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2013 9:19 PM
To: Rausch, James
Subject: Fwd: notes

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From: Dick Patten <dickpatten7@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Feb 9, 2013 at 9:07 PM
Subject: notes
To: Scott Burns <scottburnsstaterepresentative@gmail.com>

Good Morning,

Thank you for considering my bill.

I don't have prepared notes for everyone, however you are welcome to share this.

For two years, I have driven to Dover Point or to York, Maine and passing by this State Rest Area on Route 4 in Epsom, I got so disappointed at seeing this place so lonely, so desparate for someone to cut the grass, spruce up the outside, cut down the rope preventing someone who is tired and needs a break for a few minutes before having an accident. The big sign states this is a "Blue Star" rest area. I am not sure what the Blue Star means, but I feel it is a patriotic meaning.

I decided to find out who was responsible. I had also seen a similar situation on Route 25 in Rumney, a building that use to be bustling and now sitting there wanting to know, how come? The following Monday, I spent 3 hours on the telephone calling so many agencies and getting the same answer, hold on, I will transfer you to the right department. Then I get told please try this number, as they will know who the correct person is. Okay, so I try another 2 hours of useless calls. Finally I decided once I got elected to State Representative, I would file a bill and then see if something would get done.

Then, in my role as NH State Grange Historian and Community Service Director, I ask Granges throughout the Granite State to do community service projects for the year. Winthrop Grange of Shelburne chose as their project the State Rest Area Building on Route 2 in Shelburne. The members of this Grange along with area Granges felt this rest area provided services to travelers throughout the Northeastern section of NH and Western Section of Maine who are traveling for skiing and snowmobiling etc. They wrote letters to the Governor, Executive Council, and many other politicians. They got responses from some

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who agreed with them but to date, nothing has been done. They submitted a booklet outlining their project to me for consideration to be judged. I was very impressed with their efforts.

I know that the State had to make cuts but I feel these two Rest Areas, along with Shelburne and Antrim? provide an important outlet for people who are traveling. If the building couldn't be opened, the driveway should be for travelers who need a break from driving should be open. How about travelers who have a dog in the car and would like to stop for a moment and take the dog for a little walk and even themselves for a breath of fresh air. How about the kids who are tired from riding and are asking to stop for a few minutes? There are many reasons for the driveway to be opened for travelers to stop for a few minutes. If you are traveling East from Concord to Portsmouth, there are no areas along Route 4 to stop and take a break. Yes, there are a couple of little stop offs to so to speak in Epsom, but they don't have picnic tables or trash barrels, or room for more than two vehicles at one time. James Park in Epsom was at one time a nice picnic area, now it is in shambles. Traveling through Northwood, Nottingham, Barrington, and Lee, there is nothing for a rest area to stop. Yes you have a couple of restaurants at the Lee traffic circle, but unless you want to eat, there is no place to pull off the road and rest. Continuing into Durham, then Dover Point, the only place is Hilton Park, but you have to turn off to the right just before the Spaulding Tpke and it is not very accessible. The traveler then gets on the Spaulding Tpke, and goes either onto I-95 to Hampton or Mass or stays on Spaulding to the Portsmouth Traffic Circle and then whether they go to Portsmouth or to Kittery Maine, again, there is not area to pull off to the side.

Traveling from Concord to Woodsville, once you leave I-93 at Exit 26 and travel through Plymouth, you can stop at Dunkin Donuts or Burger King, but there is nothing until you get to Woodsville. The rest area on Route 25 in Rumney was a good spot to stop and stretch or gather information about the tourist attractions in the White Mountains.

I wonder if it would be possible for a committee to look at the possibilities in getting these opened up. Is it possible to do Adopt a Highway type program with these rest areas? The Route 4 in Epsom could be adopted by possible the Town of Epsom, or how about the Lions Club, Elks, Garden Club, VFW, American Legion. I was thinking these could be open from Friday to Sunday from Mid May to Columbus Day; and again from Mid November to Mid March; Or Thursday to Sunday with the times being 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If one organization couldn't do the whole time, how about having the Lions, Elks, Moose, Kiwanis, Rotary, Grange, Woman's Clubs, Jaycees, Odd Fellows, Masons, Eastern Star, Rebekahs, Garden Clubs, Churches, the list goes on and on. They could join together and adopt the rest area, what pride they could have, someone from those groups must have a lawn mower that could mow the grass, trim the bushes, the Garden Club could plant flowers, and Bird Club could provide bird houses if there was a small pond or

brook. Who knows, there are so many possibilities that could take place. They could even sell products made by their clubs, farms in the area, maple syrup, berries, etc. Only products made in NH, no made in china. Most importantly, the flags would be flying outside. The welcome signs would be out. I know there could be pitfalls, but to me, the endless possibilities are there. What about the holiday weekends, you could be serving coffee for those drivers, we have seen them on the interstates in some states. I know there are many details but let's have a small committee to work with DRED and Transportation to see if these could work. nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Let's show New Hampshire is a friendly place to visit!

I have met with both Dept of Transportation and with Department of DRED and found them to be very supportive and willing to come and talk today.

I am also pleased to have Rep. Scott Burns working with me.

Thank you for listening to my thoughts.

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Representative Patten came to me on this idea of studying our rest areas to keep them open. I thought about this past year when our rest areas were threatened to close. I know when I was working in Virginia; all rest areas were closed because of budget cuts. Who mowed the lawns? Volunteers did. Rest areas are for safety when traveling a long distance. These need to stay open to some extent. The facilities were closed but truckers could still stop and rest or sleep. There were different organizations that were responsible for mowing the lawns and cleaning up the garbage.

I travel the interstate highways throughout New England. In Connecticut, there is a rest area that has the local Boy Scouts giving out coffee. There is a sign promoting to use the rest area for safety reason. Take a break and have a cup of free coffee. When you enter, there is a tent full of food to go with your coffee where you can give a suggested donation. When I go to Vermont, they have their own Vermont Green Mountain Coffee which you can donate money if you chose. Why doesn't NH have their own coffee? Why doesn't NH have free coffee at their rest areas? We should be promoting more NH values and products at our rest areas.

We really need to have someone study these rest areas to keep them open and reduce the amount of state funding. Coffee is a way to get people to use the rest area. If more people use the rest areas and if there was a way to generate some revenue then this would be cost effective.

One suggestion to generate revenue for the state is to install 110 or 220 outlet for hybrids or electric cars. By 2015, they will be more in demand and consumers will have more options to buy. If we can somehow install these outlets and charge the customer money, then we can generate some revenue. This is another reason why we need to study rest area usage.

I urge the committee to support HB 635. There is a lot to think about to ensure we can keep our rest areas open to encourage safety on our highways, reduce spending of our rest areas and generate some revenue from our rest areas.

Representative Scott Burns

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Date: 05/15/2013

THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

to which was referred House Bill 635

AN ACT (New Title) establishing a committee to study state rest areas and relative to the solicitation of requests for proposals for the naming rights to rest areas.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill:

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 1524s

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 5-0

Senator Peggy Gilmour for the Committee

This bill, as passed by the House, establishes a committee to study the staffing of currently closed state rest areas and permits the Department of Resources and Economic Development and the Department of Transportation to solicit requests for proposals to sponsor or purchase naming rights to rest areas. The Transportation Committee's amendment changes the sponsorship section from enabling legislation to part of the duties of the study committee and believes this will give the Department of Transportation the proper time and guidance to examine these issues in preparation for potential federal laws on this topic.

Jennifer Horgan 271-3091

New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

Docket of HB635

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: (2nd New Title) requiring the department of transportation to develop a procedure for soliciting requests for proposals for the sponsorship or naming rights of New Hampshire rest areas.

Official Docket of HB635:

Date	Body	Description
1/3/2013	H	Introduced 1/3/2013 and Referred to Public Works and Highways; HJ 12 , PG.204
2/6/2013	H	Public Hearing: 2/12/2013 10:00 AM LOB 201
2/20/2013	H	Executive Session: 2/26/2013 11:15 AM LOB 201 ==RECESSED==
2/26/2013	H	Continued Executive Session: 3/7/2013 10:00 AM LOB 201
3/7/2013	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #0787h(NT) for Mar 20 (Vote 14-1; CC); HC 23 PG.579
3/7/2013	H	Proposed Committee Amendment #2013-0787h (New Title); HC 23 PG.641-642
3/20/2013	H	Amendment #0787h(NT): AA VV; HJ 27 , PG.841
3/20/2013	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment #0787h(NT): MA VV; HJ 27 , PG.841
3/21/2013	S	Introduced and Referred to Transportation
3/28/2013	S	Hearing: 4/2/13, Room 103, LOB, 1:00 p.m.; SC14
5/15/2013	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2013-1524s , NT, 5/23/13; Vote 5-0; CC; SC21
5/23/2013	S	Committee Amendment 1524s, NT, AA, VV;
5/23/2013	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment 1524s, NT, MA, VV; OT3rdg;
5/29/2013	H	House Non-Concurs with Senate AM #1524s(NT) and Requests C of C (Rep Campbell): MA VV; HJ45 , PG.1525
5/29/2013	H	Speaker Appoints: Reps Campbell, Chandler, Ramsey, and Piper; HJ45 , PG.1525
6/6/2013	S	Sen. Rausch Moved Accede to House Request for Committee of Conference, MA, VV
6/6/2013	S	President Appoints: Senators Rausch, Boutin, Gilmour
6/11/2013	H	Committee of Conference Meeting: 6/12/2013 1:15 PM LOB 201
6/19/2013	S	Conference Committee Report #2013-2068c ; Senate Amendment + New Amendment, Filed
6/26/2013	S	Conference Committee Report 2068c; Adopted, VV
6/26/2013	H	Conference Committee #2068c Adopted, VV
6/26/2013	S	Enrolled Bill Amendment #2192e Adopted, VV
6/26/2013	H	Enrolled Bill Amendment #2013-2192e (NT) Adopted, VV
6/26/2013	S	Enrolled
6/26/2013	H	Enrolled
7/25/2013	H	Signed By Governor 07/24/2013; Effective 07/24/2013; Chapter 0259

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

COMMITTEE REPORT FILE INVENTORY

HB635 ORIGINAL REFERRAL _____ RE-REFERRAL

1. THIS INVENTORY IS TO BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE COMMITTEE AIDE AND PLACED INSIDE THE FOLDER AS THE FIRST ITEM IN THE COMMITTEE FILE.
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4. THE COMPLETED FILE IS THEN DELIVERED TO THE CALENDAR CLERK.

DOCKET (Submit only the latest docket found in Bill Status)

COMMITTEE REPORT

CALENDAR NOTICE

HEARING REPORT

HANDOUTS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING

PREPARED TESTIMONY AND OTHER SUBMISSIONS

SIGN-UP SHEET(S)

ALL AMENDMENTS (passed or not) CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE:

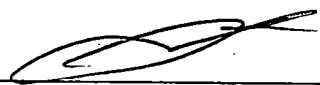
- AMENDMENT # 1524s _____ - AMENDMENT # _____
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ALL AVAILABLE VERSIONS OF THE BILL:

AS INTRODUCED AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE
 FINAL VERSION AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

OTHER (Anything else deemed important but not listed above, such as amended fiscal notes): Fiscal Note Dated 4/24/13

DATE DELIVERED TO SENATE CLERK 7/30/13



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