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SENATE CALENDAR

HEARING, MEETINGS AND NOTICES

THE SENATE RECESSED TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 56, relative to food safety in restaurants. **4/28/05, pending motion ITL, Health and Human Services, SJ 15, pg. 306**

HB 84, (New Title) relative to compensation of county convention members for county business. **4/21/05, pending motion Floor Disposition Motion, Public and Municipal Affairs, SJ 14, pg. 298**

HB 126, (New Title) relative to a public employee right of free speech. **6/02/05, pending motion committee amendment (1620s), Public and Municipal Affairs, SJ 20, pg. 431**

HB 220, establishing a committee to study the ability of homeless youth in New Hampshire to make a successful transition to adulthood. **5/12/05, pending motion committee amendment (1328s), Health and Human Services, SJ 17, pg. 337**

HB 294, (New Title) relative to annulment of arrest records. **6/02/05, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 20, pg. 427**

HB 301-L, relative to parent advisory councils for pupils with educational disabilities. **5/19/05, pending motion ITL, Education, SJ 18, pg. 348**

HB 339, relative to electioneering at polling places. **4/21/05, pending motion committee amendment (1150s), Internal Affairs, SJ 14, pg. 293**

HB 371, relative to mercury reduction. **6/09/05, pending motion floor amendment (1771s), Energy and Economic Development, SJ 21, pg. 487**

HB 443, relative to the statute of limitations for fire code violations. **6/02/05, pending motion OTP, Judiciary, SJ 20, pg. 428**

HB 498, establishing a study committee relative to the sale of fire-safe cigarettes. **5/05/05, pending motion committee amendment (1273s), Public and Municipal Affairs, SJ, 16, pg. 327**

HB 561, relative to reasonable accommodation by employers under the state law against discrimination. **5/19/05, pending motion ITL, Banks and Insurance, SJ 18, pg. 346**

HB 574-FN, requiring the reporting of burn injuries. **6/09/05, pending motion Floor Disposition Motion, Judiciary, SJ 19, pg. 386**

HB 604-FN, (New Title) discontinuing the use of tokens. **5/26/05, pending motion floor amendment (1663), Transportation and Interstate Cooperation, SJ 19, pg. 406**

HB 611, relative to small group insurers. **06/09/05, pending motion ITL, Finance, SJ 21, pg. 577**

HB 702-FN, (New Title) relative to the screening and mediation of medical malpractice claims. **4/21/05, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 14, 293**

HCR 8, urging the Congress of the United States to place a moratorium on new free trade agreements, to investigate and review current free trade agreements and policies of the United States, to investigate and review participation of the United States with international trade organizations and to ensure that such agreements, policies, and participation are in the best interests of the citizens of the state of New Hampshire and the United States. **6/02/05, pending motion ITL, Internal Affairs, SJ 20, pg. 426**

SB 29, relative to processing absentee ballots. **2/17/05, pending motion floor amendment (0227s), Internal Affairs, SJ 6, pg. 70**

SB 34-FN, relative to reimbursement rates for child care. **4/7/05, pending motion ITL, Finance, SJ 12, pg. 239**

SB 71, relative to amending warrant articles in towns that have adopted the official ballot form of town meeting. **3/10/05, pending motion ITL, Internal Affairs, SJ 8, pg. 104**

SB 109-FN, relative to catastrophic special education funding. **2/24/05, pending motion ITL, Finance, SJ 7, pg. 80**

SB 116, relative to payment procedures for the utility property tax. **3/17/05, pending motion floor amendment (0720s), Ways and Means, SJ 9, pg. 133**

SB 133-FN, relative to mooring permits. **3/24/05, pending motion ITL, Environment and Wildlife, SJ 10, pg. 168**

SB 134, relative to medical decision making for those adults without capacity to make health care decisions for themselves and establishing procedures for Do Not Resuscitate Orders. **4/7/05, pending motion committee amendment (0970s), Judiciary, SJ 12, pg. 265**

SB 162-FN-A, increasing the appropriation to the firemen's relief fund. **2/24/05, pending motion ITL, Finance, SJ 7, pg. 80**

SB 197-FN, relative to captive insurance companies and reciprocal insurers. **3/10/05, pending motion OTP, Banks and Insurance, SJ 8, pg. 98**

2005 BILLS RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

BANKS AND INSURANCE

HB 153-FN, relative to the collection of debts owed to the state.

EDUCATION

HB 406, revising certain provisions of the home education statutes.

SB 22, authorizing the Holden School of Nursing to confer degrees.

ENERGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HB 582, relative to the policy for records management.

ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE

SB 103-FN-A-L, relative to a shorefront maintenance fee.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 190-L, relative to workforce housing opportunities.

FINANCE

HB 460-FN, relative to the reimbursement to certain providers by the bureau of emergency communications.

SB 131-FN, establishing a school choice certificate program.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

HB 66, (New Title) regulating mandatory overtime for nurses and assistants.

HB 270, relative to procedures of the legislative ethics committee.

HB 365, relative to recount fees.

SB 26, requiring identification to obtain a ballot.

JUDICIARY

HB 372, relative to notification of interested parties in medical parole cases.

HB 533-FN, relative to penalties for aggravated felonious sexual assault.

HB 696-FN, (New Title) relative to enhanced penalties for certain crimes against the elderly and persons with disabilities.

SB 24, relative to disposition upon death of patient accounts in nursing homes.

SB 207-FN, establishing the crime of assault against the elderly.

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 177, relative to home improvement contracts.

HB 505, relative to recording mailing addresses on property deeds.

SB 200-FN, establishing the uniform athlete agents act.

TRANSPORTATION AND INTERSTATE COOPERATION

HB 599-FN, requiring disclosure to consumers of the presence of event data recording devices in new motor vehicles.

SB 95-L, relative to noise from motor vehicles.

SB 151-FN, relative to issuance of dealer plates to bonded motor vehicle dealers.

SB 155-FN, prohibiting rafting of boats on lakes and ponds.

SB 178, designating a certain highway the Gold Star Mothers Highway.

SB 221, relative to identification requirements for obtaining a driver's license.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 107-FN, relative to the sale of tobacco products.

SB 225-FN-A, establishing video lottery.

HEARING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2005

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 102, LOB

Sen. Kenney (C), Sen. Flanders (VC), Sen. Barnes, Sen. Letourneau, Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Hassan
11:15 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SB 190-L, relative to workforce housing opportunities.

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2005

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

9:00 a.m.

Rooms 306-308, LOB

Regular Meeting

"It is anticipated that Final Proposal 2005 - 113 from the Department of Transportation relative to E-Z Pass Electronic Toll Payment will be on the agenda."

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2005

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

1:00 p.m.

Room 102, LOB

Work Session

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2005

STRATEGIC CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE (RSA 21-H:14-a)

9:00 a.m. Room 204, LOB Regular Meeting

MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PHARMACY PROVIDERS (HB 679, Chapter 73:1, Laws of 2005)

10:00 a.m. Room 205, LOB Organizational Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY ELIMINATION OF CERVICAL CANCER IN NH (HB 111, Chapter 18:1, Laws of 2005)

1:00 p.m. Room 205, LOB Organizational Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2005

COMMITTEE TO STUDY HIV/AIDS SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEMS (SB 171, Chapter 47:1, Laws of 2005)

9:00 a.m. Room 103, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY VIATICAL SETTLEMENTS (SB 112, Chapter 44, Laws of 2005)

10:00 a.m. Room 101, LOB Organizational Meeting

LOCATION OF THE SECURE PSYCHIATRIC UNIT (HB 2, Chapter 177:184, Laws of 2005)

10:00 a.m. Room 212, LOB Organizational Meeting

ADDITIONAL WINTER SPORTS TO BE INCLUDED IN SKI AREA EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY AND SKIER SAFETY (HB 619, Chapter 145:10, Laws of 2005)

11:30 a.m. Room 208, LOB Organizational Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2005

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT RELATIONSHIP COMMISSION (HB 1390, Chapter 114:2, Laws of 2000)

9:30 a.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF SAME SEX CIVIL MARRIAGE AND THE LEGAL EQUIVALENTS THEREOF, WHETHER REFERRED TO AS CIVIL UNIONS, DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS, OR OTHERWISE (SB 427, Chapter 100:2, Laws of 2004)

6:30 p.m. Nashua City Hall Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2005

CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS IN NH (HB 246, Chapter 134:1, Laws of 2005)

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 205-207, LOB Regular Meeting

ISSUES RELATIVE TO CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE (HB 517, Chapter 205:1, Laws of 2005)

10:00 a.m. Room 304, LOB Regular Meeting

SENATE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON EMINENT DOMAIN

10:00 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

FEASIBILITY OF LICENSING RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AND REMODELING CONTRACTORS (HB 307, Chapter 184:1, Laws of 2005)

2:00 p.m. Room 306, LOB Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2005

REGULATORY PRACTICES PERTAINING TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY (HB 194, Chapter 263:2, Laws of 2005)

9:00 a.m. Room 304, LOB Organizational Meeting

SENATE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON EMINENT DOMAIN

Cancelled Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2005

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

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

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

1:30 p.m. Rooms 205-207, LOB Organizational Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE APPEALS PROCESS IN CASES BETWEEN LANDLORDS AND TENANTS (SB 126, Chapter 45:1, Laws of 2005)

1:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Organizational Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2005

COMMISSION TO STUDY WAYS TO ALLEVIATE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE PREMIUMS FOR HIGH RISK SPECIALTIES (SB 57, Chapter 84:1, Laws of 2005)

10:00 a.m. Room 302, LOB Regular Meeting

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

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

COMMITTEE TO STUDY JOINT PURCHASING STRATEGIES FOR SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH INSURANCE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AND IN NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND (SB 66, Chapter 237:1, Laws of 2005)

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2005

NEW HAMPSHIRE TASK FORCE ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (HB 225, Chapter 117:2, Laws of 2003)

10:00 a.m. Police Standards and Training Regular Meeting
17 Institute Dr.
Concord, NH

STATEWIDE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT & ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT (RSA 193-C:7)

10:00 a.m. Room 207, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2005

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

9:00 a.m. NH Department Revenue Administration Regular Meeting
Training Room
45 Chenell Dr.
Concord, NH

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

10:00 a.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

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

12:30 p.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

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

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FARM VIABILITY PROGRAM (HB 229, Chapter 78:1, Laws of 2005)

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

GAMING OPTIONS FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 522, Chapter 211:1, Laws of 2005)

10:00 a.m. Room 306, LOB Regular Meeting

STATE VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2, VI)

5:00 p.m. American Legion Post 79
35 W. Brook St.
Manchester, NH Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE (SB 162, Chapter 217:1, Laws of 2003)

1:00 p.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2005

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

USES OF BIODIESEL FOR HOME HEATING AND VEHICULAR TRANSPORTATION (HB 152, Chapter 101:1, Laws of 2005)

10:00 a.m. Room 304, LOB Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

GAMING OPTIONS FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 522, Chapter 211:1, Laws of 2005)

10:00 a.m. Room 306, LOB Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2005

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

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2005

GAMING OPTIONS FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 522, Chapter 211:1, Laws of 2005)

10:00 a.m. Room 306, LOB Regular Meeting

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

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2005

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

9:30 a.m. Rooms 201-203, LOB Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2005

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

9:00 a.m.

Rooms 306-308, LOB

Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2005

GAMING OPTIONS FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 522, Chapter 211:1, Laws of 2005)

10:00 a.m.

Room 306, LOB

Regular Meeting

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THE FOLLOWING 2005 BILLS HAVE ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS. THESE ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE.

HOUSE BILLS: 2, 25, 43, 47, 68, 112, 129, 170, 215, 257, 259, 260, 293, 299, 303, 315, 350, 353, 383, 394, 411, 420, 424, 448, 449, 450, 465, 469, 513, 522, 542, 580, 597, 616, 623, 637, 640, 643, 644, 681, 683, 691, HJR 3

SENATE BILLS: 21, 38, 43, 46, 52, 66, 74, 83, 108, 115, 125, 132, 152, 153, 164, 168, 170, 186, 201, 223, 226

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FISCAL NOTE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO THE BILLS ON THE WEB SITE AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2005 BILLS.

SENATE BILLS: 6, 21, 27, 33, 35, 38, 48, 52, 53, 58, 62, 63, 79, 86, 92, 93, 94, 101, 102, 106, 107, 108, 110, 112, 114, 117, 118, 125, 127, 128, 129, 131, 134, 135, 137, 140, 144, 146, 147, 151, 152, 153, 154, 157, 163, 164, 165, 170, 180, 182, 184, 194, 197, 200, 206, 208, 209, 210, 215, 219, 222, 223, 225

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NOTICES

Senate calendars will return to a weekly schedule on Wednesday, August 31, 2005. The deadline for the weekly calendars will remain 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays until further notice. The weekly calendars will be placed on the NH Senate website by the end of the day on Wednesdays. Hard copies will be available in the Clerk's office and mailed to the Senators on Thursday mornings.

Steven J. Winter, Clerk of the Senate

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Open enrollment for Senators to purchase or make changes to medical insurance through the state health care program will be held from 7/25/05 to 8/5/05 with an effective date of 9/1/05. Those Senators who are already enrolled in the program, but wish to make changes should do so during open enrollment. Information and enrollment forms are available through Joyce Phinney, State House Room 113 or call 271-5685.

Thomas R. Eaton, Senate President

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The State of NH Insurance Department is offering instruction for interested House and Senate members on the rate filing review process. The training will provide a foundation for understanding what goes into the making of and review of insurance rates. It will outline what actuaries look at and the associated statutory provisions as well as actuarial reasoning involved. I anticipate that the training sessions will take place in September or October. All Senators are invited to attend. You should contact the Department if interested. Please respond to Sandra Barlow at 271-7973, ext. 202 or by e-mail Sandra.Barlow@insnh.gov.

Thomas R. Eaton, Senate President

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2005

A legislative briefing on the Avian Flu will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2005 in Room 100, SH. Our nation and state are at risk for an Avian Flu pandemic that could potentially kill thousands in New Hampshire and hospitalize many more. This illness could have a profound effect on the health of our citizens as well as seriously damage our economy. Our State has taken many proactive measures to help mitigate the impact if this disease should strike here. The Department of Health and Human Services will offer a presentation on planning efforts that are already in place, should New Hampshire be faced with this crisis. I hope that you will take the time to attend this important public health briefing and to discuss what measures we can take in preparation. Please RSVP to Pam Manocchi at 271-3207 no later than August 18, 2005.

Senator André A. Martel, Chairman
Senate Health and Human Services Committee

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2005

The next regular meeting of the NH Legislative Caucus on Methamphetamine will be held at the Upham-Walker House on August 26, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. We are a bi-partisan caucus working together for the best interests of the people and our State. Current goals are Methamphetamine Legislation and a Methamphetamine State-wide Awareness/Education Campaign. We look forward to your suggestions and other comments. Please join us if you are available.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2005

The Governor's Task Force on the Humane Treatment of Animals will meet in Room 100, SH, at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 1, 2005.

Senator Sheila Roberge

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

Pursuant to RSA 326-B:10-a, the Joint Health Council will meet at the NH Board of Nursing office located at the Walker Building, 21 S. Fruit St., Concord, NH, on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Senator André Martel

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

The New Hampshire Public Health Association (NHPHA) asks members of the NH General Court to SAVE THE ABOVE DATE, so that they may plan to attend the conference: *Public Health and the Granite State - A Non-Partisan Overview for Policymakers*. The conference will provide an objective overview of public health, NH's key public health resources, and the opportunity for policymakers to recommend how the public health community can be most helpful to them. The conference is free, will include lunch, and be held at the Tuck Library (NH Historical Association, Concord) from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Invitations will be sent in early August. For further information, please contact: Kathy Mandeville, conference co-ordinator, 472-5414 or kmandeville2@comcast.net

Senator André Martel

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2005

Gun Owners of New Hampshire (GO-NH) will hold its Annual Banquet on **September 17th** at the Grappone Center in Concord. Registration and social time, which will include raffles, games and auction, begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m. Nationally known author and speaker Alan Gottlieb, founder of the Second Amendment Foundation and publisher of *Gun Week*, will deliver the keynote address. The NH State Police Drill Team and a Revolutionary War reenactment group will participate in a demonstration of their skills and the posting of the Colors. The price is \$35 per person or \$280 for a table of eight. For tickets or more information please contact Rep. Sam Cataldo (859-1089) or Rep. Elbert Bicknell (942-7577).

Senator Robert E. Clegg, Jr.

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Monday, September 5, 2005	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Tuesday, September 6, 2005	The filing period for legislation to be acted on in the second year session, beginning January, 2006, will commence
Friday, September 16, 2005, 3:00 p.m.	The Office of Legislative Services shall not draft a Senate bill or resolution, unless a request by a member for drafting with complete information has been received
Wednesday, November 2, 2005	The filing period for legislation recommended by a Study Committee or Commission created by a Senate Bill to be acted on in the second year session, beginning January, 2006, will commence
Thursday, November 3, 2005, 3:00 p.m.	The Office of Legislative Services shall not draft a Senate bill recommended by a Study Committee or Commission created by a Senate Bill, unless a request by the Chairman for drafting with complete information has been received
Friday, November 11, 2005	Veteran's Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 24, 2005	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 25, 2005	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Monday, December 26, 2005	Christmas (State Holiday)