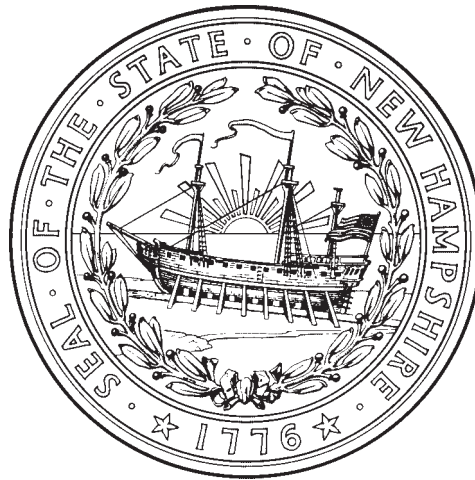


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VETO MESSAGES, HEARINGS & MEETINGS

THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE ON SB 145

June 5, 2003

To the Honorable Members of the General Court:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of New Hampshire, pursuant to Part II, Article 44 of the Constitution of New Hampshire, I have vetoed Senate Bill 145, an Act relative to the duties of the board of trustees of the department of regional community-technical colleges.

S.B. 145 would allow the board of trustees of the department of regional community-technical colleges to disburse non-general fund revenue from each of the colleges to the community-technical college foundation. My objection to S.B. 145 arises not from a lack of confidence in the board of trustees, but from a belief that the decision to disburse such funds should be subject to statutory limitation or subject to additional oversight. Because S.B. 145 does not clearly establish sufficient limitation or oversight, I have vetoed it.

Currently, the department maintains a non-lapsing account, funds from which can be used for limited purposes. See RSA 188:14-c. Funds in this account may be disbursed only with the prior approval of the fiscal committee and with the approval of the governor and council. I think that there should be no less oversight for the disbursement of funds contemplated in S.B. 145. Not only does it appear that S.B. 145 would allow the transfer of any non-general-fund revenue out of the colleges and into the foundation, but it does so without the requirement for governor and council approval. In addition, S.B. 145 does not make it sufficiently clear that prior fiscal committee approval is still required before funds may be disbursed.

Although the bill provides that the presidents of the regional community-technical colleges may make "recommendations to the board of trustees" about the disbursement of the funds, S.B. 145 would not require that the board follow the recommendation of the presidents. S.B. 145 would allow the board of trustees to move funds from the regional community-technical colleges even if some, most or even all of the presidents of the regional community-technical colleges object. The power of the board of trustees under S.B. 145 would be unfettered.

Finally, the purpose of the foundation is to raise money from private sources. Money raised by the foundation should be flowing to the colleges to support their programs, not the other way around. If the foundation raises funds as promised, there should be no need to transfer money from the colleges into the foundation. The operating expenses of the foundation should be a small percentage of the private donations received by the foundation. If the purpose of S.B. 145 is to pay the initial operating expenses of the foundation using non-general-fund revenue, then the better approach would be for the department to justify this expenditure and seek legislative approval in the usual manner, rather than to delegate such broad and unchecked authority to the board of trustees. Because S.B. 145 chose the latter approach and does not contain sufficient safeguards, limitations or oversight, I have vetoed S.B. 145.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig R. Benson
Governor

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE ON SB 179

June 24, 2003

To the Honorable Members of the General Court:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of New Hampshire, pursuant to Part II, Article 44 of the Constitution of New Hampshire, I have vetoed Senate Bill 179, an act establishing 14 new positions in the banking department.

I have vetoed this bill because I believe that we should be very cautious prior to expanding State government during these difficult economic times. This bill adds 14 new positions to the Department of Banking representing a 50% increase in the number of employees in that department. Rather than adding positions, I believe that we should be looking at ways to reduce government and to use existing resources to meet our needs.

I also note that this bill is duplicative. I understand that these positions are included in the committee of conference budget that is currently being considered by both Houses. If those positions are added through the budget, both Houses and the Governor will have an opportunity to reconsider whether those positions are necessary during the formulation of the budget in the next biennium.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig R. Benson
Governor

LAID ON THE TABLE

CACR 14, relating to the funding of public education. Providing that the state shall fund an amount not less than 30 percent of the total average statewide expenditure for public education for kindergarten through grade 12 during the previous biennium and that the general court shall have the power to apportion this amount by statute; that the state shall assure the opportunity for an adequate public education for all pupils in the state in grades kindergarten through 12; and that no tax in any form on the value of real property shall be used to fund the state's obligation to cherish and support public education. **4/03/03, pending motion Re-refer to committee, Education, SJ 11, pg. 232**

SB 12-FN-A-L, establishing a property tax relief program for low income homeowners. **3/27/03, pending motion Re-refer to committee, Way & Means, SJ 10, pg. 203**

SB 27, extending the kindergarten construction program. **4/03/03, pending motion OTP with committee amendment failed, Finance, SJ 11 pg. 240**

SB 37-FN, increasing the amount paid to the firemen's relief fund from insurance department revenues. **3/27/03, pending motion OTP, Insurance, SJ 10 pg. 175**

SB 38-FN-A-L, (New Title) authorizing special number plates for firefighters. **4/03/03, pending motion ITL, Finance, SJ 11, pg. 240**

SB 102-FN, relative to the computation of tax on certain telecommunications services under the communications services tax. **3/20/2003, pending motion committee amendment (0715s), Ways & Means, SJ 9, pg. 134**

SB 106, relative to the operation of personal watercraft. **4/03/03, pending motion ITL, Wildlife & Recreation, SJ 11, pg. 264**

SB 144-FN, relative to the lease agreement between the department of regional community-technical colleges and Pease development authority. **4/10/03, pending motion OTP, Finance, SJ 12, pg. 291**

SB 151-FN-A-L, relative to the taxation of telecommunications poles and conduits. **3/27/03, pending motion Re-refer to committee, Energy and Economic Development, SJ 10, pg. 147**

SB 160-FN-A, making a capital appropriation to continue construction of the vocational center in Nashua. **4/03/03, pending motion Re-refer to committee, Capital Budget, SJ 11, pg. 231**

SB 189, relative to certain automobile accidents. **4/10/03, pending motion Re-refer to committee, Insurance, SJ 12, pg. 302**

SB 203-FN, requiring the New Hampshire court system to automate mental health records to comply with federal law prohibiting possession of firearms by certain persons. **3/27/03, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 10, pg. 179**

SB 208-FN, establishing a property tax cap and abatement program. **3/27/03, pending motion Re-refer to committee, Ways & Means, SJ 10, pg. 209**

SB 209, relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions. **4/03/03, pending motion Re-refer to committee, Internal Affairs, SJ 11, pg. 254**

SB 214-FN-A, establishing new positions in the department of health and human services and making an appropriation therefor. **4/10/03, pending motion OTP, Finance, SJ 12, pg. 294**

SB 216-FN-A, relative to the developmental services priority waiting list and making an appropriation therefor. **4/03/03, pending motion OTP, Finance, SJ 11, pg. 243**

SB 217-FN, relative to the calculation of average daily membership in residence for the purpose of calculating the cost of an adequate education. **4/10/03, pending motion ITL, Finance, SJ 12, pg. 294**

SB 224-FN-A-L, relative to the education property tax and needs-based targeted education aid and reducing the rates of the business enterprise tax and the business profits tax. **3/27/03, pending motion Re-refer to committee, Ways & Means, SJ 10, pg. 209**

SCR 1, urging a study of the operating efficiency of state government. **3/13/03, pending motion OTP, Internal Affairs, SJ 8, pg. 82**

HB 162, relative to remedies and penalties for injuries to domestic animals caused by dogs. **5/29/03, pending motion committee amendment (1723s), Wildlife & Recreation, SJ 18, pg. 515**

HB 177, excluding stepchildren from the definition of "child" in the context of support orders. **5/29/03, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 18, pg. 508**

HB 213, relative to reporting requirements for dedicated funds. **5/22/03, pending motion ITL, Executive Departments & Administration, SJ 17, pg. 441**

HB 222, specifying the term for physicians and dentists at the department of corrections and relative to the special school district within the department of corrections. **6/5/03, pending motion Floor Amendment (1464), Executive Departments & Administration, SJ 19, pg. 595**

HB 293, establishing a commission to identify medical errors and their causes. **5/15/03, pending motion OTPA, Executive Departments & Administration, SJ 16, pg. 374**

HB 311, (New Title) repealing the obligation to provide persons applying for a marriage license with a list of family planning services and with brochures on fetal alcohol syndrome and the human immunodeficiency virus. **5/29/03, pending motion OTP, Public Affairs, SJ 18, pg. 509**

HB 327, establishing a committee to study the use of state vehicles. **4/17/03, pending motion ITL, Transportation, SJ 13, pg. 325**

HB 364-FN, relative to the use of automatic telephone dialing systems for political advocacy. **5/22/03, pending motion OTP, Internal Affairs SJ 17, pg. 453**

HB 419, establishing a committee to study issues related to the management of railroads operating with leases on state property. **5/15/03, pending motion OTPA, Transportation, SJ 16 pg. 384**

HB 424, (New Title) relative to a net asset qualification for the elderly property tax exemption, and clarifying certain references in property tax exemptions. **6/5/03, pending motion ITL, Ways & Means, SJ 19, pg. 638**

HB 455, relative to residency requirements for disabled persons applying for a tax deferral of property taxes. **6/5/03, pending motion ITL, Ways & Means, SJ 19, pg. 638**

HB 466, relative to the adoption procedure for property tax exemptions and credits. **6/5/03, pending motion ITL, Ways & Means, SJ 19, pg. 638**

HB 467, (New Title) allowing towns or cities to increase the property tax credit for service-connected total disability, and relative to the date for filing for exemptions and tax credits. **5/6/03 pending motion ITL, Ways & Means, SJ 19, pg. 638**

HB 495, relative to unauthorized access to a wireless computer network. **6/5/03, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 19, pg. 634**

HB 528, establishing a commission to study computer standards used in public schools in New Hampshire. **5/29/03, pending motion ITL, Education, SJ 18, pg. 498**

HB 638-FN, increasing the oil import license fee, changing the rate of interest assessed on overdue oil import fees, and repealing underground storage facility permit fees. **5/22/03, pending motion Re-refer to committee, Transportation, SJ 17, pg. 476**

HB 676-FN, relative to lake level investigations. **4/24/03, pending motion OTP, Environment, SJ 14, pg. 334**

HB 720-FN-L, extending the kindergarten aid program. **6/5/03, pending motion OTP, Finance, SJ 19, pg. 600**

HB 735-FN, relative to prescription drugs and medicaid best practices. **5/22/03, pending motion ITL, Public Institutions, Health & Human Services, SJ 17, pg. 475**

HB 776, relative to emergency medical care for pregnant women. **6/5/03, pending motion ITL, Insurance, SJ 19, pg. 628**

HB 786-FN-L, relative to the participation of the state and its political subdivisions in the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. **5/22/03, pending motion OTPA (committee amendment adopted), Education, SJ 17, pg. 437**

HCR 9, urging the President and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to abandon the Total Information Awareness Initiative. **6/5/03, pending motion OTP, Interstate Cooperation, SJ 19, pg. 629**

BILLS RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

BANKS

SB 207, relative to transactions exempt from the consumer protection act.

CAPITAL BUDGET

HB 326, relative to establishing a 6-year capital budget.

EDUCATION

HB 499, expanding opportunities for teacher certification.

SB 61, relative to collective bargaining units at charter schools.

SB 108-FN-L, relative to charter schools.

SB 118-FN-A, establishing a ladders to literacy program and making an appropriation therefor.

ENERGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SB 105-FN, establishing state appliance and equipment energy efficiency standards.

SB 230, relative to transition service and relative to the sale of PSNH generation assets.

ENVIRONMENT

SB 205-FN, authorizing the state to accept the title of the dam and dikes at Smith Pond, Enfield, New Hampshire.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

HB 258, relative to the community-technical college system.

FINANCE

HB 304-A, relative to state acquisition of certain acreage in the Connecticut Lakes headwaters tract and making an appropriation therefor.

SB 117-FN-A-L, (New Title) authorizing video lottery administered by a gaming oversight authority, and establishing a pharmacy benefit program.

INSURANCE

SB 84-FN, relative to eligibility for payment of medical benefits by the retirement system.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

HB 829, relative to ward boundaries in Manchester and Nashua to be used in state elections.

INTERSTATE COOPERATION

SB 186-FN, relative to sale of tobacco products.

JUDICIARY

HB 121, relative to grounds for modification of a permanent child custody order.

HB 134-FN, relative to recommendations, appointments, and qualifications of marital masters and procedures for cases heard by marital masters.

HB 167, relative to complaints against judges.

HB 299, removing judicial discretion to order a divorced parent to contribute to an adult child's college expenses.

HB 384, (New Title) relative to financial affidavits in domestic relations cases.

HB 464-FN, establishing a criminal penalty for facilitating a drug or underage alcohol house party.

HB 620-FN, providing a right to counsel for indigent parents and other protections in cases involving the guardianship of minors.

HB 630-FN, (New Title) relative to enhanced penalties for assault on law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical care providers, and national guard members.

HB 749, (New Title) relative to the description in a criminal complaint of the party accused.

SB 109, adopting the model Drug Dealer Liability Act.

SB 204, relative to bail recovery agents.

SB 220, repealing the professional malpractice claims panel.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SB 20, relative to the qualifications for the property tax exemption for the disabled.

SB 112-FN-L, relative to state use of domestic steel.

SB 126-FN-A, exempting certain transfers of title from the real estate transfer tax.

SB 228, relative to the preservation of historic barns and similar historic agricultural structures by municipalities.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

SB 153, adopting the nurse licensure compact.

WAYS & MEANS

HB 107, relative to bingo.

HB 108, (New Title) relative to the adoption of an optional veterans' property tax credit.

HEARINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2003

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Martel (C), Sen. Boyce (VC), Sen. Estabrook, Sen. Kenney, Sen. O'Hearn

10:00 a.m.

SB 153, adopting the nurse licensure compact.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

SENATE MEETINGS ON RE-REFERRED BILLS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2003

INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Boyce (C), Sen. Flanders (VC), Sen. Kenney, Sen. Larsen, Sen. O'Hearn

10:00 a.m.

HB 829, relative to ward boundaries in Manchester and Nashua to be used in state elections.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

JUDICIARY, Room 105-A, SH

Sen. Peterson (C), Sen. Foster (VC), Sen. Clegg, Sen. Roberge, Sen. Sapareto

11:00 a.m.

HB 121, relative to grounds for modification of a permanent child custody order.**HB 134-FN**, relative to recommendations, appointments, and qualifications of marital masters and procedures for cases heard by marital masters.**HB 167**, relative to complaints against judges.**HB 299**, removing judicial discretion to order a divorced parent to contribute to an adult child's college expenses.**HB 384**, (New Title) relative to financial affidavits in domestic relations cases.**HB 464-FN**, establishing a criminal penalty for facilitating a drug or underage alcohol house party.**HB 620-FN**, providing a right to counsel for indigent parents and other protections in cases involving the guardianship of minors.**HB 630-FN**, (New Title) relative to enhanced penalties for assault on law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical care providers, and national guard members.**HB 749**, (New Title) relative to the description in a criminal complaint of the party accused.**SB 109**, adopting the model Drug Dealer Liability Act.**SB 204**, relative to bail recovery agents.**SB 220**, repealing the professional malpractice claims panel.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW*****WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2003*****BANKS**, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Flanders (C), Sen. Peterson (VC), Sen. Barnes, Sen. Foster, Sen. Odell

9:00 a.m.

SB 207, relative to transactions exempt from the consumer protection act.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW****INSURANCE**, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Flanders (C), Sen. Prescott (VC), Sen. Cohen, Sen. Martel, Sen. Roberge

11:00 a.m.

SB 84-FN, relative to eligibility for payment of medical benefits by the retirement system.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW*****WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2003*****INTERSTATE COOPERATION**, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Gatsas (C), Sen. Estabrook (VC), Sen. Clegg, Sen. Johnson, Sen. Sapareto

10:00 a.m.

SB 186-FN, relative to sale of tobacco products.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW****MEETINGS*****FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2003*****WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3)**

10:00 a.m.

Room 205, LOB

Regular Meeting

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

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

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

Cancelled Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

REGULATION OF GIFT CERTIFICATES UNDER CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (HB 259, Chapter 193:3, Laws of 2003)

(HB 259 HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 9TH)

Cancelled Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2003**INTEGRATED CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM AND PRIVACY SECURITY AND DISSEMINATION (HB 64, Chapter 24:2, Laws of 2003)**

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

PRICING OF MILK PRODUCTS (HB 481, Chapter 228:1, Laws of 2003)

9:30 a.m. Room 212, LOB Regular Meeting

METHODS OF DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATION AID UNDER EXISTING LAW (HB 608, Chapter 241:28, Laws of 2003)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Meeting

VESTING OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND THE PLANNING BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE OFF-SITE IMPROVEMENTS (SB 157, Chapter 179:1, Laws of 2003)

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

OPTIONS FOR REDUCING THE IMPACT OF EXHAUST EMISSIONS FOR DIESEL ENGINES (HB 502, Chapter 18:1, Laws of 2003)

1:00 p.m. Room 203, LOB Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2003**FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT (RSA 14:30-a)**

9:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Business

9:30 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Audit:
State of New Hampshire
Public Utilities Commission
Financial and Compliance
Audit Report
For the Nine Months
Ended March 31, 2003

COMMISSION TO STUDY PROFESSIONAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS UNDER RSA 519-A (HB 287, Chapter 255:1, Laws 2003)

9:30 a.m. Room 208, LOB Regular Meeting

BOUNDARY COMMISSION (HB 343, Chapter 103:1, Laws of 2003)

10:00 a.m. Room 203, LOB Regular Meeting

CONNECTICUT RIVER FLOW, EFFECT ON LAKE FRANCIS AND CONNECTICUT LAKES AND STATE PROPERTY ON BAKER RIVER (HB 768, Chapter 233:1, Laws 2003)

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

CONTRACTING PROCESS BETWEEN MANAGED CARE INSURERS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN NH (HB 470, Chapter 284:4, Laws of 2003)

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Room 208, LOB Regular Meeting

GRAFTON COUNTY COURT PILOT PROJECT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (SB 124, Chapter 243:3, Laws of 2002)

1:00 p.m. Room 206, LOB Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2003

JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

(NOTE THE ROOM CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING MEETING)

9:00 a.m. Rooms 201-203, LOB Regular Meeting

APPLICATION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX (HB 705, Chapter 270:1, Laws of 2003)

10:00 a.m. Room 202, LOB Regular Meeting

METHODS TO PREVENT OR REDUCE HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATE (SB 116, Chapter 160:1, Laws of 2003)

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

SERVICE CONTRACTS, INCLUDING PREPAID LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACTS (HB 680, Chapter 293:1, Laws of 2003)

10:00 a.m. Room 208, LOB Regular Meeting

MEDICAID PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (HB 1218, Chapter 281:9, IV, Laws of 2002)

11:00 a.m. Room 206, LOB Regular Meeting

REGULATION OF GIFT CERTIFICATES UNDER CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (HB 259, Chapter 193:3, Laws of 2003)

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

COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS THE STATUS OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 1151, Chapter 188:2, Laws of 2002)

3:00 p.m. Room 207, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2003

TASK FORCE ON RE-ESTABLISHING THE LAWRENCE, MA TO MANCHESTER NH AND THE CONCORD TO LEBANON RAIL SERVICE (HB 258, Chapter 271:1, Laws of 2001)

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2003

COMMISSION TO ASSESS THE OPERATING EFFICIENCY OF STATE GOVERNMENT (HB 171, Chapter 1:1, Laws of 2003)

8:30 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

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

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

BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING (RSA 205-A:25)

1:00 p.m. Room 201, LOB Complaint Hearings

NH CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMISSION (RSA 21-K:18)

4:00 p.m. Room 203, LOB Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003

COMMISSION ON SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR LAND APPLICATION OF SEPTAGE, BIOSOLIDS AND SHORT PAPER FIBERS (SB 87, Chapter 302:1, Laws of 2003)

(NOTE THE ROOM CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING MEETING)

9:00 a.m. Room 208, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 1283, Chapter 43:1, Laws of 2000)

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

COMMISSION TO STURDY THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW-LAW (HB 606, Chapter 287:2, Laws of 2003)

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

ENHANCEMENT OF LAWS RELATING TO VEHICLE PURSUITS (HB 179, Chapter 76:1, Laws of 2003)

10:00 a.m. Room 204, LOB Regular Meeting

METHODS OF DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATION AID UNDER EXISTING LAW (HB 608, Chapter 241:28, Laws of 2003)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Meeting

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS (RSA 17-H:2)

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2003

COMMISSION TO STUDY PROFESSIONAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS UNDER RSA 519-A (HB 287, Chapter 255:1, Laws 2003)

9:30 a.m. Room 208, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATIVE TO GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWALS (SB 155, Chapter 305:1, Laws 2003)

10:00 a.m. Room 204, LOB Regular Meeting

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

10:00 a.m. Room 205, LOB Subcommittee on end of life care

EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOSPITALS (HB 424, Chapter 121:1, Laws 2002)

1:00 p.m. Room 212, LOB Regular Meeting

METHODS TO CREATE MENTORING INCENTIVES FOR BEGINNING TEACHERS STUDY (SB 166, Chapter 72:1, Laws of 2003)

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RSA 17-I:1)

2:00 p.m. Room 103, SH Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STURDY CHILD SUPPORT AND RELATED CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES (HB 310, Chapter 277:1, Laws of 2003)

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Merrimack Town Hall
Baboosic Lake Rd, Upstairs Public Hearing

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2003

COMMISSION TO STURDY THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW-LAW (HB 606, Chapter 287:2, Laws of 2003)

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

METHODS TO PREVENT OR REDUCE HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATE (SB 116, Chapter 160:1, Laws of 2003)

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

SAFELY REDUCING THE PRISON POPULATION IN THE STATE (HB 825, Chapter 157:1, Laws of 2003)

10:00 a.m. Room 203, LOB Regular Meeting

LICENSE SUSPENSION LAWS FOR DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE OF DRUGS AND SPEED OF DISTRICT COURT ADJUDICATION (SB 36, Chapter 96:4, II Laws of 2003)

1:00 p.m. Room 105, SH Regular Meeting

APPLICATION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX (HB 705, Chapter 270:1, Laws of 2003)

2:00 p.m. Room 202, LOB Regular Meeting

IMPLEMENTING A RECOMMENDATION OF THE NH ESTUARIES PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN (SB 70, Chapter 236:1, Laws of 2003)

2:00 p.m. Hampton Town Hall Regular Meeting
Selectmen's Meeting Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2003**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)**

9:30 a.m. NH Department of Revenue Administration Regular Meeting
Community Services Division in the Training Room

JUDICIAL COUNCIL (RSA 494:1)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Room 208, LOB Regular Meeting

TASK FORCE ON FAMILY LAW (HB 447, Chapter 250:1, Laws of 2002)

1:00 p.m. Room 208, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2003**COMMISSION TO STUDY PROBLEMS RELATED TO DELIVERY OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE (HB 1109, Chapter 184:1, Laws of 2002)**

10:00 a.m. Room 301, LOB Regular Meeting

IMPROVE DELIVERY OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND CHANGES) AND TO REVIEW DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HB 4, Chapter 319:146, Laws of 2003)

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

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

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

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

1:30 p.m. NH Department of Revenue Administration Regular Meeting
Community Services Division in the Training Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2003**APPLICATION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX TO THE PROVISION OF INTERNET SERVICES (HB 4, Chapter 319:138, Laws of 2003)**

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

METHODS OF DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATION AID UNDER EXISTING LAW (HB 608, Chapter 241:28, Laws of 2003)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2003**COMMISSION TO STUDY PROFESSIONAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS UNDER RSA 519-A (HB 287, Chapter 255:1, Laws 2003)**

9:30 a.m. Room 208, LOB Regular Meeting

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

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

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3)

7:00 p.m. Lebanon City Hall, 3rd Floor Public Forums
Lebanon, NH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2003

COMMISSION TO STUDY FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF THE ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (HB 461, Chapter 227:2, Laws of 2003)

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

LICENSE SUSPENSION LAWS FOR DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE OF DRUGS AND SPEED OF DISTRICT COURT ADJUDICATION (SB 36, Chapter 96:4, II Laws of 2003)

1:00 p.m. Room 105, SH Regular Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2003

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3)

1:30 p.m. Lancaster Town Hall Auditorium Public Forums
Lancaster, NH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003

COMMISSION ON SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR LAND APPLICATION OF SEPTAGE, BIOSOLIDS AND SHORT PAPER FIBERS (SB 87, Chapter 302:1, Laws of 2003)

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Room 303, LOB Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2003

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

10:00 a.m. Room 205, LOB Subcommittee on end of life care
Durham, NH

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3)

7:00 p.m. Fish and Game Office Public Forums
Durham, NH

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003

TASK FORCE ON FAMILY LAW (HB 447, Chapter 250:1, Laws of 2002)

2:00 p.m. Room 208, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STURDY CHILD SUPPORT AND RELATED CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES (HB 310, Chapter 277:1, Laws of 2003)

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Rochester Community Center Public Hearing

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2003

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3)

10:00 a.m. Department of Revenue Administration Public Forums
57 Regional Drive, Concord, NH

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3)

1:00 p.m. Department of Revenue Administration Regular Meeting
57 Regional Drive, Concord, NH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2003

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)

9:30 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Meeting

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

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2003

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:28-a)

10:00 a.m. Keene State College Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY CHILD SUPPORT AND RELATED CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES (HB 310, Chapter 277:1, Laws of 2003)

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Room 206, LOB Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2003

COMMISSION ON SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR LAND APPLICATION OF SEPTAGE, BIOSOLIDS AND SHORT PAPER FIBERS (SB 87, Chapter 302:1, Laws of 2003)

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Room 303, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 1283, Chapter 43:1, Laws of 2000)

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2003

JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

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

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

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

COMMISSION TO STUDY FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF THE ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (HB 461, Chapter 227:2, Laws of 2003)

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2003

COMMISSION TO IDENTIFY MEDICAL ERRORS AND THEIR CAUSES (HB 287, Chapter 255:6, Laws of 2003)

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2003

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4)

9:00 a.m. Room 305, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2003

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 1283, Chapter 43:1, Laws of 2000)

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2003

COMMISSION ON SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR LAND APPLICATION OF SEPTAGE, BIOSOLIDS AND SHORT PAPER FIBERS (SB 87, Chapter 302:1, Laws of 2003)

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Room 303, LOB Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2003

TASK FORCE ON FAMILY LAW (HB 447, Chapter 250:1, Laws of 2002)

2:00 p.m. Room 208, LOB Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2003

JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

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

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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 2003 SENATE BILLS: 14, 15, 16, 19, 23, 29, 34, 35, 36, 38, 41, 44, 46, 47, 51, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 63, 64, 66, 69, 70, 71, 74, 78, 79, 80, 85, 88, 90, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 105, 107, 115, 117, 118, 120, 124, 126, 127, 128, 130, 132, 138, 140, 141, 142, 144, 145, 148, 149, 151, 152, 159, 161, 163, 169, 179, 184, 186, 190, 192, 197, 202, 205, 208, 210, 212, 214, 215, 216, 217, 221, 222, 223, 224. HOUSE BILLS: 25, 104, 109, 112, 135, 205, 210, 302, 304, 387, 447, 521, 524, 528, 533, 543, 593, 598, 608, 619, 620, 621, 638, 646, 654, 669, 671, 674, 680, 703, 705, 711, 717, 720, 735, 737, 738, 758, 787, 788, 791, 816, 828

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NOTICES

Do you have a musical instrument that is not being used any more? My office has offered to help collect wind instruments, horn instruments and percussion instruments for the Alpha Boys School in Jamaica. The Alpha Boys School is a home for boys up to 18 years old whose parents are unable to care for them. The music program is a favorite of the boys yet there are often not enough instruments. Please feel free to drop the instrument off at my office, room 117 in the State House or contact Joshua Chamberlain at 271-3078. Thank you!

Senator Lou D'Allesandro

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003

"PUT NH FAMILIES FIRST: PARTNER WITH PARENTS" is the theme for the 2003 annual meeting of Family Support New Hampshire, (formerly known as The Network of Family Resource Centers) to be held Tuesday, October 21, 2003 at the Howard Recreation Auditorium, State Office Park South, Pleasant Street, Concord from 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM. The meeting will include round table discussion with parents and displays. Featured speakers are Representative Mary Stuart Gile, Ed.D. and Kate Coombs (Parent.) Luncheon will be served and all legislators welcome. Please call 226-7505 or 224-1279 for more information.

Senator Sylvia B. Larsen

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2003

Home Based Care: Does Increased Access Equal Increased Cost? A panel discussion to be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Center Street, Concord, NH. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and pastries and lunch will served. Please call Judy King at 228-2084 to register. All are welcome to attend if this is of interest to you. Registering is appreciated in advance.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2003

Leveraging Higher Education to Build New Hampshire's Economy

The New Hampshire Forum on Higher Education invites business, education, and public policy leaders and members of the public to attend a breakfast presentation and discussion on "Leveraging Higher Education to Build New Hampshire's Economy".

Keynote speaker Thomas G. Mortensen, editor and publisher of *Postsecondary Education OPPORTUNITY* will present information on how New Hampshire and New England can tackle a variety of economic and demographic challenges ahead. How well these challenges are addressed will effect the future prosperity of New Hampshire and the region.

Join New Hampshire leaders on Friday, October 24, 2003, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH. Please contact Kelly Clark at (603)-227-5315 or go to www.nhhigheredforum.org/events.htm to register by October 20, 2003. All are welcome to attend. Registration in advance would be appreciated. There is no fee for this event.

Senator Jane E. O'Hearn

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Monday, October 20, 2003	Filing period for legislation to be acted on in the second half of the biennium, beginning January 2004, will commence.
Tuesday, November 11, 2003	Veteran's Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 14, 2003, 3:00 p.m.	The office of Legislative Services shall not draft a Senate bill or joint resolution, unless a request by a member for drafting with complete information has been received.
Thursday, November 27, 2003	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 28, 2003	Day after Thanksgiving (State Employee Holiday)
Friday, December 19, 2003, 3:00 p.m.	Last day to sign-off legislation for the January 2004 session.
Thursday, December 25, 2003	Christmas Day (State Holiday)
Wednesday, January 1, 2004	New Year's Day (State Holiday)
3 rd Session Day of 2004	Last day to act on Re-referred bills
Thursday, March 11, 2004	Last day to act on all Senate bills in the first body
Thursday, May 13, 2004	Last day to act on all House bills in the second year

VISITORS CENTER SCHEDULE - OCTOBER

As a convenience to the members of the NH General Court, the Visitors' Center offers the following schedule of schools and other groups visiting the State House in **October 2003**. These listings will replace individual notifications in an effort to reduce paper usage and to ensure all members will be notified in a timely manner. Our schedule is tightly booked for the remainder of the school year. Please contact the Visitors' Center concerning school tour booking information. Thank you for your continued participation with your School Visitation Program.

Kenneth Leidner, Director

DATE	TIME	GROUP	Grade/Size
10-14-03	9:30 to 12:00 SH/HM	Greenland Elem	4/48
10-15-03	10:00 to 1:00 SH/FG	Cutler School – Swanzey	4/80
10-16-03	9:30 to 12:00 SH/HM	Kearsarge Elementary – New London	4/80
10-17-03	8:15 to 9:00 1:15 to 2:00	Merrimack Valley High School – Penacook	HS/50
10-17-03	10:00 to 12:30 SH/SC	Hollis Elem	4/44
10-20-03	10:00 to 12:30 SH/SC	Hollis Elem	4/44
10-23-03	10:30 to 1:00 SH/P	Wilkins Elem – Amherst	4/50
10-23-03	1:30 to 2:30	Hopkinton High	HS/25 French
10-24-03	9:30 to 12:30	Pleasant St. School – Laconia	4/60
10-24-03	10:30 to 11:30	Wilkins Elem – Amherst	4/24
10-27-03	10:30 to 1:00 SH/P	Wilkins Elem – Amherst	4/50
10-28-03	1:00	Keene High/French Exchange Students	HS/30
10-29-03	9:30 to 12:30 SH/HM	Richard Maghakan Elem – Brookline	4/85
10-30-03	11:00 to 12:30	Sandbach School Dover England	HS/90
10-30-03	10:30 to 1:00 SH/P	Wilkins Elem	4/50
10-31-03	10:00 to 12:30 SH/SC	Epping Elementary School	4/80