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## SENATE CALENDAR

### HEARINGS, MEETINGS AND NOTICES

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**THE SENATE RECESSED TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR**

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**HEARINGS**

***TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2007***

**COMMERCE, LABOR AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**, Room 102, LOB

Sen. Gottesman (C), Sen. DeVries (VC), Sen. Reynolds, Sen. Cilley, Sen. Barnes, Sen. Roberge

10:15 a.m. **SB 38**, relative to uninsured or hit-and-run motor vehicle coverage.

10:25 a.m. **SB 59**, establishing a committee to study the effect on the unemployment compensation trust fund of employees with negative balance separate accounts.

10:35 a.m. **SB 52**, relative to authorizing the attorney general to bring actions for violations of New Hampshire combination and monopolies law.

10:45 a.m. **SB 69**, relative to exceptions to the confidentiality provisions for certain department of employment security records.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**EDUCATION**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Estabrook (C), Sen. Foster (VC), Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Kelly, Sen. Bragdon, Sen. Letourneau

9:00 a.m. **SB 57**, requiring a course in civics for high school graduation.

9:30 a.m. **SB 78**, relative to the placement of twins or other multiples in the same classroom.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Estabrook (C), Sen. Sgambati (VC), Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Janeway, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Kenney

10:15 a.m. **SB 77-FN**, prohibiting the department of health and human services from entering into a contract with Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any organization that provides abortion services.

11:00 a.m. **SB 102-FN**, relative to the powers of state government in the event of an incident or outbreak of communicable disease.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**JUDICIARY**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Foster (C), Sen. Gottesman (VC), Sen. Reynolds, Sen. Clegg, Sen. Letourneau

2:00 p.m. **SB 30**, combining the judicial branch salary adjustment fund and the judicial branch benefit adjustment account into a single fund.

2:15 p.m. **SB 33-FN**, equalizing the pay of administrative judges in the judicial branch.

2:30 p.m. **SB 51**, transferring authority over court forms from the supreme court to the judicial branch administrative council.

2:45 p.m. **SB 32-FN**, increasing the maximum amount of debt or damages for small claims actions.

3:15 p.m. **SB 65-FN**, requiring that the state provide 10 days' written notice to the defendant prior to his or her trial of the state's request for an extended term of imprisonment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Hassan (C), Sen. Burling (VC), Sen. DeVries, Sen. Sgambati, Sen. Roberge, Sen. Barnes

- 8:30 a.m. **SB 58**, relative to the recommendation for the town budget.  
 8:45 a.m. **SB 54**, allowing municipalities to increase dog licensing fees.  
 9:00 a.m. **SB 49**, relative to the authority of highway agents.  
 9:15 a.m. **SB 48**, relative to removal of appointed highway agents from office.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**WAYS AND MEANS**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Odell (C), Sen. D'Allesandro (VC), Sen. Janeway, Sen. Reynolds, Sen. Downing

- 8:30 a.m. **SB 63**, authorizing the commissioner of revenue administration to extend tax filing deadlines for certain members of the armed forces.  
 8:45 a.m. **SB 73-FN-A**, relative to lottery prizes and administration by the lottery commission.  
 9:00 a.m. **SB 87**, making technical corrections to certain lottery commission provisions.  
 9:15 a.m. **SB 95**, relative to bingo games conducted by senior citizens' organizations and establishing a study committee on the appropriate value of prizes for senior citizens' bingo.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

## ***WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007***

**ELECTION LAW AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Burling (C), Sen. Cilley (VC), Sen. DeVries, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Letourneau

- 8:30 a.m. **SB 50**, relative to membership of the state veterans' advisory committee.  
 8:45 a.m. **SB 36**, eliminating straight ticket voting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Burling (C), Sen. Fuller Clark (VC), Sen. Kelly, Sen. Cilley, Sen. Kenney, Sen. Downing

- 1:00 p.m. **SB 31**, adding the chief justice of the supreme court or designee to the advisory council on emergency preparedness and security.  
 1:15 p.m. **SB 43**, relative to the training for barbers and establishing the master barber license under the board of barbering, cosmetology, and esthetics.  
 1:30 p.m. **SB 37**, relative to accidental death benefit payments in the city of Manchester employees' contributory retirement system.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**TRANSPORTATION AND INTERSTATE COOPERATION**, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Letourneau (C), Sen. Burling (VC), Sen. Kelly, Sen. DeVries, Sen. Clegg

- 10:15 a.m. **SB 56**, relative to Old Drewsville Road in the town of Walpole.  
 10:30 a.m. **SB 34**, relative to eligibility for certain veteran disability plates.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**WILDLIFE, FISH AND GAME**, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Gallus (C), Sen. D'Allesandro (VC), Sen. Janeway, Sen. Estabrook, Sen. Gatsas

- 1:00 p.m. **SB 26-FN**, prohibiting the fish and game department from stocking fish in certain water bodies without public access and requiring public access for Big Island Pond.  
 1:15 p.m. **SB 110**, relative to the ban on the sale and use of lead fishing jigs.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

## ***TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007***

### **PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, LOB**

Sen. Hassan (C), Sen. Burling (VC), Sen. DeVries, Sen. Sgambati, Sen. Roberge, Sen. Barnes

8:30 a.m.                    **SCR 1**, declaring a state of emergency in the town of Dorchester during the March 2006 floods.

8:45 a.m.                    **SB 85**, relative to eligibility for the property tax exemption for the disabled.

9:00 a.m.                    **SB 27-FN**, relative to the display of the POW-MIA flag.

9:15 a.m.                    **SB 96**, extending the veterans' property tax credit to all honorably discharged veterans.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

## ***WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007***

### **TRANSPORTATION AND INTERSTATE COOPERATION, Room 101, LOB**

Sen. Letourneau (C), Sen. Burling (VC), Sen. Kelly, Sen. DeVries, Sen. Clegg

10:15 a.m.                    **CACR 5-FN-L**, relating to the highway fund. Providing that one hundred percent of the highway fund to be used for highway construction, reconstruction and maintenance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

## **MEETINGS**

### ***FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2007***

#### **ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)**

9:30 a.m.	NH Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 57 Regional Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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#### **RIGHT TO KNOW OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (RSA 91-A:11)**

10:00 a.m.	Room 304, LOB	Regular Meeting
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### ***MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2007***

#### **INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR WOMEN OFFENDERS (RSA 21-H:14-c)**

9:00 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting
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#### **IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE CLASSIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES FOR CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS AND OFFENDERS AGAINST CHILDREN (HB 1692, Chapter 327:26, Laws of 2006)**

1:00 p.m.	Room 208, LOB	Regular Meeting
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### ***TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2007***

#### **LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1)**

9:30 a.m.	Room 206, LOB	Organizational Meeting
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#### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)**

4:00 p.m.	Room 205, LOB	Regular Meeting
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### ***WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007***

#### **SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

10:15 a.m.	Room 100, SH	The Hay Group Study Presentation
11:15 a.m.	Room 100, SH	NH Retirement System Presentation

### ***FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2007***

#### **CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3)**

9:30 a.m.	NH Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 57 Regional Dr. Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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#### **JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

9:00 a.m.	Rooms 306-308, LOB	Continued Meeting
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### ***MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007***

#### **LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2)**

10:00 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting
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### ***FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007***

#### **RIGHT TO KNOW OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (RSA 91-A:11)**

10:00 a.m.	Room 304, LOB	Regular Meeting
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### ***MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007***

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

1:00 p.m.	Room 103, LOB	Regular Meeting
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### ***FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2007***

#### **FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT (14:30-a)**

9:00 a.m.	Rooms 210-211, LOB	Regular Business
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#### **JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

9:00 a.m.	Rooms 306-308, LOB	Regular Meeting
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### ***FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2007***

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

9:00 a.m.	Room 201, LOB	Regular Meeting
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#### **ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)**

9:30 a.m.	NH Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 57 Regional Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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#### **RIGHT TO KNOW OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (RSA 91-A:11)**

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

All legislators are required to complete and file the "Statement of Financial Interests" required by RSA 15-A, in addition to the annual "Financial Disclosure Form" required to be filed with the Legislative Ethics Committee. The "Statement of Financial Interests" is available online at <http://www.sos.nh.gov/>, and is filed with the Secretary of State in Room 204. The "Statement of Financial Interests" should be filed as soon as possible by all legislators and legislative officers.

Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate President

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The Internal Revenue Service has set the standard mileage rate for transportation expenses for 2007 at forty-eight and one-half cents (\$0.485) per mile. The federal mileage reimbursement rate for members of the NH Senate increases from forty-four and one-half cents (\$0.445) per mile to forty-eight and one-half cents (\$0.485) per mile for all miles incurred on or after January 1, 2007.

Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate President

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Upon presentation of proper credentials at the ticket window, NH Senators and Representatives may receive a lift ticket for their personal use and one for a guest. The elected official must be present to personally present the credentials, unless prior arrangement is made with the Commissioner Bald. Any exceptions to this policy will be made in writing by the Commissioner and/or Division Director and the Mountain Manager will be informed about the exception. (Lift tickets are to be picked up at Guest Services at the Peabody Base Lodge or the Tramway Ticket Window at Cannon).

Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate President

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### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2007

The Governor's Task Force on the Humane Treatment of Animals will meet in Room 100, SH at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Senator Sheila Roberge

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### MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2007

Monday, January 29, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in Reps Hall, members of the scientific team involved in preparing the recently-released Northeast Climate Impacts Assessment will present the key findings, methods and uncertainties of the Assessment to members of the ST&E, E&A and Senate EE&E Committees. Q&A will follow. All members of the legislature and the public are invited. The Northeast Climate Impacts assessment is the most refined scientific projection to date. The Union of Concerned Scientists has arranged for the presenters: Dr. James McCarthy, oceanographer, Director of Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology and internationally known authority on climate change and President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Cameron Wake, Research Associate Professor at the Climate Change Research Center, UNH. Katharine Hayhoe, Research Associate Professor, Dept. of Geosciences, Texas Technical University and an expert in numerical modeling of regional climate change impacts.

Senator Martha Fuller Clark

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2007**

Members of the Energy, Environment and Economic Development Committee and any other interested senators are invited to participate in a presentation and tour at the Department of Resources and Economic Development on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 2:00 pm. Commissioner Bald and various members of his staff will be addressing the committee at that time. Please RSVP to Donna McLelland at 271-1403 or [donna.mclelland@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:donna.mclelland@leg.state.nh.us).

Senator Martha Fuller Clark

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007**

All Senators are invited by the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women to a luncheon policy briefing on the gender wage gap, presented by Kate Merrow, executive director of the New Hampshire Women's Policy Institute. The event will be held Wednesday, January 31, from 11:45 to 1:15, at the Holiday Inn, 172 Main Street. The event is open to all, but space is limited. RSVP is first-come, first-served by January 29, to [nancy.normand@nh.gov](mailto:nancy.normand@nh.gov) or at 271-2660.

Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate President

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007**

All legislators and legislative officers are required to complete and file the annual "Financial Disclosure Form" with the Legislative Ethics Committee no later than January 31, 2007. Please return your completed form to Rich Lambert in State Room 112.

Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate President

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007**

All legislators are invited to the Annual Legislative Breakfast of Champions hosted by the Bi-State Primary Care Association and NH's Community Health Centers. The event will be held Thursday, February 1st, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Concord. A hot breakfast will be served followed by a brief program on access to community-based primary and preventive care for the uninsured and underserved. Dr. Phil Lawson, Ammonoosuc Community Health Services will discuss access to care and the integration of primary care and behavioral health.

Senator Iris W. Estabrook  
Senator Bob Odell

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007**

There will be a meeting to discuss the location and funding of the Hampton/Exeter Courthouse at the Town Hall Chamber in Hampton Town Hall on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Donna McLelland at 271-1403 or email at [donna.mclelland@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:donna.mclelland@leg.state.nh.us).

Senator Martha Fuller Clark

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007**

The Energy, Environment and Economic Development Committee is invited to meet at the Public Utilities Commission on Thursday, February 1, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for an orientation and tour. The Public

Utilities Commission will be presenting information on the general background and an overview of the electric industry, history and current issues. The PUC is located at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord NH 03301-2429. Please RSVP to Donna McLelland at 271-1403 or email at [donna.mclelland@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:donna.mclelland@leg.state.nh.us).

Senator Martha Fuller Clark

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### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

The Retail Merchants Association of NH and its 800 members invite all legislators and staff to their annual Legislative Reception on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Concord Holiday Inn. Attend to congratulate our "Legislator of the Year" and maybe go home with one of the great door prizes.

Senator Joseph A. Foster  
Senator Theodore L. Gatsas

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### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2007

**To All Legislators:** What is mental health? How interconnected are mental health and physical health? You, along with NAMI NH family leaders and volunteer board members from NH's Community Mental Health Centers, are invited to a luncheon and discussion about mental health services in NH. At the luncheon you will hear from consumers of mental health services about their treatment experiences and recovery from mental illness. This non-partisan event, sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from noon to 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 21 Centre Street, Concord. **Lunch will be provided.** For more information please call or e-mail: 225-5359 or [info@naminh.org](mailto:info@naminh.org)

Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate President  
Senator Theodore L. Gatsas

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### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007

All members of the legislature are invited to a luncheon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on **Tuesday, February 20**, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm to learn about Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire, Inc. (CASA-NH), a statewide, private nonprofit dedicated to guiding abused and neglected children through the New Hampshire child protection and juvenile court systems to safe, permanent homes.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro  
Senator Theodore L. Gatsas

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## SENATE SCHEDULE

Monday, February 19, 2007	President's Day (State Holiday)
Monday, May 28, 2007	Memorial Day (State Holiday)
Wednesday, July 4, 2007	Fourth of July (State Holiday)
Monday, September 3, 2007	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Monday, November 12, 2007	Veteran's Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 22, 2007	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 23, 2007	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Tuesday, December 25, 2007	Christmas Day (State Holiday)

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## ***VISITORS CENTER SCHEDULE - JANUARY & FEBRUARY***

### **State House Visitation Schedule 2007**

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 Jan. & Feb. 2007. These listings are to ensure all members be notified in a timely manner of visitors from their district. Please note that schools may schedule and reschedule, therefore you may contact the Visitor Center to check on updates. 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.

Virginia J. Drew, Director

Caitlin A. Daniuk, Public Information Administrator

<b><i>DATE</i></b>	<b><i>TIME</i></b>	<b><i>GROUP</i></b>	<b><i>CLASS/Size</i></b>
Jan. 29	10:00	New Franklin School – Portsmouth	4/35
Jan. 29	10:45/12:15 SH/SC	North Hampton Elementary School	5/60
Jan. 30	8:45	UNH – Dept. of Social Work	College/15
Jan. 30	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Auburn Village School	4/80
Jan. 31	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Chester Academy	4/82
Feb. 1	9:30	Chichester Central School	4/22
Feb. 2	9:30	Nute High School – Milton	HS/20
Feb. 2	11:30/12:45	Beaver Meadow School – Concord	4/75
Feb. 5	10:00/11:30 SH/SC	Moultonborough Central Elementary School	4/48
Feb. 6	9:30/10:45 SH/F&G	Peter Woodbury School – Bedford	4/84
Feb. 7	9:30/10:45 SH/F&G	Peter Woodbury School – Bedford	4/66
Feb. 8	10:00	Portsmouth Christian Academy – Dover	4/54
Feb. 9	9:30/11:00 SH/SC	Maplewood School – Somersworth	4/85
Feb. 12	9:00	Walker School – Concord	4/21
Feb. 12	10:00/11:30 SH/SC	Stratham Memorial School	4/40
Feb. 13	9:15/10:30 SH/HM	Pembroke Hill School	4/100
Feb. 16	9:00	Shaker Road School – Concord	(4/5)/46
Feb. 16	10:00/11:30 SH/SC	Stratham Memorial School	4/60
Feb. 20	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Ledge Street School – Nashua	4/80
Feb. 21	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	New Searles School – Nashua	4/55
Feb. 22	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Penacook Elementary School	4/60
Feb. 27	10:00	Deerfield Cub Scouts – Pack 138	(1&2)/10
Feb. 27	11:00	Huntington at Nashua – Retirement Home	Adult/14