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**Second Year of the 162nd Session of the
New Hampshire General Court
Legislative**

SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION FOR ORGANIZATION DAY ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012**

MEETINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012

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

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

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE
CORRIDORS WITHIN THE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION RIGHTS OF WAYS (RSA 362-G)**

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

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

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012

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

10:00 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Business

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 188-E:21)

3:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2012

**STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA
99-E:1, I)**

9:30 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012

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

9:00 a.m. Rooms 305-307, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2012

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

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

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NOTICES

SENATE CALENDAR SCHEDULE

The Senate Calendar will be published every two weeks until further notice.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012

Sheehan Phinney Capitol Group will be hosting the annual Welcome Back Reception for all House and Senate members and staff on Wednesday, December 5, 2012, at Tandy's Top Shelf Restaurant (located at One Eagle Square, directly across the street from the State House), following the close of session (or 3:00 p.m. should the session end early).

Senator Peter Bragdon, Senate President
Senator Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate Minority Leader

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LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Ethics Committee has voted to issue the following interpretive ruling, which is printed below in its entirety.

INTERPRETIVE RULING 2012-#3

(November 14, 2012)

Supplementing Interpretive Ruling 2011-#1 Relating to Obligations of Legislators in Connection with Proposed Petitions for the Redress of Grievances

Further questions have arisen regarding the obligations of legislators in connection with requests from members of the public to present petitions for redress of grievances on their behalf. Specifically, the questions are (1) what obligations legislators may have when asked to include in a Grievance Petition information that involves private health or financial information of third parties, *i.e.*, persons who are not the object of the redress sought by the request; and (2) what obligations legislators may have in connection with dissemination of such information through unofficial channels. The Committee has reviewed applicable provisions of the New Hampshire Constitution, statutes, rules, and Ethics Guidelines governing the conduct of legislators in the performance of their duties as such, and interprets them as follows.

(1) Obligation to exercise caution and due diligence in considering what information should properly be included in a Grievance Petition. Legislators should exercise caution and due diligence about the propriety of including, and the accuracy of, private health or financial information of third parties, *i.e.*, persons who are not the object of the redress sought by the request. Where a request proposes to include such information in a Grievance Petition, it is not sufficient for a legislator simply to include the information as submitted, without exercising independent judgment about whether the information is protected by law from disclosure, whether the information appears to be accurate, and whether including it is necessary to support granting the relief sought in the requested Petition.

(2) Obligation to exercise caution and due diligence in considering whether to further disseminate, through unofficial channels, private health or financial information of third parties contained in Grievance Petitions. Legislators should not further discuss or disseminate such information through unofficial channels without first exercising independent judgment about whether the information is protected by law from disclosure, whether the information appears to be accurate, and whether it is necessary to support granting the relief sought in the Petition.

For the Committee,
Martin L. Gross
Chairman

[Vote 4-1]

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 22, 2012	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 23, 2012	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Wednesday, November 28, 2012	Senate Orientation
Wednesday, December 05, 2012	Organization Day
Tuesday, December 25, 2012	Christmas Day (State Holiday)
Tuesday, January 01, 2013	New Year's Day (State Holiday)
Wednesday, January 02, 2013	Convening Day

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