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New Hampshire General Court  
Legislative**

## **SENATE CALENDAR**

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**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION FOR ORGANIZATION DAY ON  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012 AT 10:30 A.M.**

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**MEETINGS**

***FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2012***

**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

***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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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012**

The Elliot Health System invites all Senators and staff to a presentation of "Healthcare Issues 101", covering topics related to healthcare financing, healthcare delivery, and reforms, to be held at the Holiday Inn in Concord on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please join us for lunch to learn about and discuss healthcare topics pertinent to legislative policy decisions. RSVP to Corinne Szopa at (603) 663-2082.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority 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

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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