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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 ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012, AT 10:00 A.M.**

VETO MESSAGE

Governor Lynch's Veto Message Regarding SB 160

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on January 27, 2012, I vetoed SB 160, relative to regulation of installment loans.

I am vetoing this legislation because legalizing excessive interest rates for so-called "installment loans" – interest rates in excess of 400 percent APR – hurts our families, communities and economy.

SB 160 creates a new small loan product in New Hampshire – an installment loan – and overturns the interest rate cap for payday lenders. These new installment loans are essentially payday loans that would create an escalating spiral of debt for New Hampshire families that would undermine their financial security, as well as the financial well being of our communities and our economy. That is why 31 other states – including all the other New England states – ban these types of excessive interest rates for consumer credit.

SB 160 was strongly opposed by both Republicans and Democrats in the legislature, the American Friends Service Committee, the New Hampshire Local Welfare Administrator's Association, AARP, the New Hampshire Department of Justice, New Hampshire Legal Assistance and a coalition of churches.

While this legislation allows a lender to charge nominal interest of \$15.50 per \$100 installment, there could be as many as 26 installments per year with the resulting APR being in excess of 400 percent. On a 6-month loan with payments every two weeks, lenders will be able to charge consumers over \$1,100 to repay a \$500 loan. For vulnerable families, these excessive interest charges could force them further into a cycle of debt, and potentially onto public assistance.

Oversight and regulation of payday lenders under SB 160 is also inconsistent with current practices for other forms of consumer credit. For example, unlike current law for the examination of banks, the Banking Commissioner must provide a payday lender with advanced notice before conducting examination of its books, records and loan documents. Administrative fine authority over payday lenders is less than half of the existing authority over other lenders. Consumers will not receive the same level of protection from payday lenders as they do now with other providers of consumer credit.

The lack of adequate consumer protections and the existence of excessive interest rates will undoubtedly increase the cycle of debt for too many of our families are not in New Hampshire's interest. Therefore, I am vetoing SB 160.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Lynch
Governor

Date: January 27, 2012

LAI D ON THE TABLE

SB 74-FN, relative to the life settlements act. **01/25/12**, pending motion **Inexpedient to Legislate, Commerce, SJ 3, pg. 80**

SB 163-FN, relative to the New Hampshire health benefit exchange. **01/18/12**, pending motion **Committee Amendment (0164s), Commerce, SJ 2, pg. 36**

SB 222, relative to property and casualty insurance. **02/15/12**, pending motion **Committee Amendment (0653s), Commerce, SJ 5, pg. TBA**

SB 335, establishing a procedure for certain condominiums to waive portions of the state fire code. **02/15/12, pending motion Ought to Pass, Commerce, SJ 5, pg. TBA**

SB 350-FN, relative to the sale of portable electronics insurance. **02/15/12, pending motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Commerce, SJ 5, pg. TBA**

SB 355, clarifying the exemption for attorneys from licensing requirements for mortgage brokers or bankers. **02/15/12, pending motion Ought to Pass, Commerce, SJ 5, pg. TBA**

SB 377-FN, relative to unemployment compensation eligibility for participants in the return to work program. **02/15/12, pending motion Committee Amendment (0655s), Commerce, SJ 5, pg. TBA**

HEARINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

COMMERCE, Room 102, LOB

Sen. Prescott (C), Sen. Sanborn (VC), Sen. De Blois, Sen. Houde, Sen. White

10:30 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

EDUCATION, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Stiles (C), Sen. Forsythe (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Kelly, Sen. Prescott

1:00 p.m. **HB 1488**, relative to the alternative budget procedure in a school administrative unit.

1:15 p.m. **SB 267**, relative to the establishment of school zones and school zone speed limits by municipalities.

1:30 p.m. **SB 383-FN-L**, revising the distribution of school building aid grants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Barnes (C), Sen. Forrester (VC), Sen. Boutin, Sen. Merrill, Sen. Stiles

9:00 a.m. **HB 1170**, allowing municipalities to authorize the inclusion of a statement of the estimated tax impact of the budget and special warrant articles to be voted at annual meeting.

9:10 a.m. **SB 289-FN**, relative to presenting photo identification to vote in person.

(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR SB 289-FN WAS RECESSED ON JANUARY 24TH)

9:30 a.m. **SB 318-FN**, relative to eligibility to vote, voter registration, and verifying identity of voters.

(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR SB 318-FN WAS RECESSED ON JANUARY 24TH)

10:30 a.m. **SB 260**, relative to historic district commission regulations.

10:50 a.m. **SB 262**, requiring disclosure of minutes of meetings after the approval of the minutes.

11:10 a.m. **SB 393**, relative to the definition of "meeting" under the right-to-know law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 100, SH

Sen. Odell (C), Sen. Luther (VC), Sen. Boutin, Sen. D'Allesandro, Sen. Morse, Sen. Rausch

1:00 p.m. **SB 405-FN**, establishing the workforce investment tax credit.

1:15 p.m. **SB 403-FN-A**, relative to the report on tobacco tax revenues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012

COMMERCE, Room 102, LOB

Sen. Prescott (C), Sen. Sanborn (VC), Sen. De Blois, Sen. Houde, Sen. White

9:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

EDUCATION, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Stiles (C), Sen. Forsythe (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Kelly, Sen. Prescott

1:00 p.m. **SB 401**, relative to reporting the average daily membership of pupils in the public schools.1:15 p.m. **SB 404-FN**, relative to funding for pupils enrolled in vocational education programs.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**INTERNAL AFFAIRS**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Prescott (C), Sen. Lambert (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Bragdon, Sen. Larsen

11:00 a.m. **CACR 33**, relating to biennial legislative sessions. Providing that the general court shall meet biennially.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW*****THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012*****ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, Room 102, LOB

Sen. Odell (C), Sen. Gallus (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Lambert, Sen. Merrill

10:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING BILL**
SB 218-FN, relative to electric renewable portfolio standards.**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, Room 102, LOB

Sen. Bradley (C), Sen. De Blois (VC), Sen. Kelly, Sen. Lambert, Sen. Sanborn

1:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION****JUDICIARY**, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Houde (C), Sen. Carson (VC), Sen. Groen, Sen. Luther, Sen. Forsythe

1:00 p.m. **SB 364**, relative to tenant guest practices.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**TRANSPORTATION**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Rausch (C), Sen. Boutin (VC), Sen. Forsythe, Sen. Kelly, Sen. Stiles

9:00 a.m. **SB 390-FN**, establishing a special number plate to benefit the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW***FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2012*****JOINT SENATE – HOUSE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEES**, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Groen (VC), Sen. Larsen, Sen. Luther, Sen. White

1:00 p.m. **SB 311-FN-A**, transferring authority over weights and measures to the department of safety.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW***TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012*****PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Barnes (C), Sen. Forrester (VC), Sen. Boutin, Sen. Merrill, Sen. Stiles

9:00 a.m. **SB 210**, relative to the default budget in school districts which have adopted the official ballot method of voting.10:00 a.m. **SB 310**, requiring the commemoration of Purple Day in recognition of epilepsy awareness.10:15 a.m. **SB 351**, relative to proclaiming Blue Star Mother's Day.

10:45 a.m. **SB 398**, proclaiming March 30 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.
 11:05 a.m. **SB 389-L**, relative to sewer commission costs.
 11:25 a.m. **SB 353-L**, relative to establishing water and sewer infrastructure in the commercial district of a town.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 100, SH

Sen. Bradley (C), Sen. De Blois (VC), Sen. Kelly, Sen. Lambert, Sen. Sanborn

1:00 p.m. **HB 309-FN**, relative to certain insurance mandates and establishing a committee to study current insurance mandates.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012

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

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

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (RSA 282-A:128)

9:30 a.m. NH Employment Security Regular Meeting
 32 South Main Street
 Concord, NH

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

10:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Business
 10:30 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Audits
 State of New Hampshire
 Department of Health and Human Services
 New Hampshire Hospital
 Financial Audit Report
 For the Nine Months Ended
 March 31, 2011

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

11:00 a.m. Room 101, LOB Non-Public Session of the Complaint Review Committee

NH-CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-A:2-g)

11:00 a.m. Upham-Walker House Regular Meeting
 18 Park Street
 Concord, NH

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

12:00 p.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

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

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012

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

1:15 p.m. Room 205, LOB Mental Health & Substance Abuse Subcommittee

COMMISSION TO STUDY BUSINESS REGULATIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 359-L)

3:00 p.m.

Room 303, LOB

Full Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2012**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)**

9:30 a.m.

NH Department of Revenue Administration Subcommittee Meeting
 109 Pleasant Street
 Concord, NH

NEW HAMPSHIRE RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RSA 238-A:2)

10:00 a.m.

Room 201, LOB

Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 21-P:51)**

10:00 a.m.

Room 205, LOB

Regular Meeting

STATE COMMITTEE ON AGING (RSA 161-F:7, I)

10:00 a.m.

DHHS, Brown Building
 129 Pleasant Street
 Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN/STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (RSA 186-C:3-b)**

4:30 p.m.

NH Department of Education
 Londergan Hall, Room 15
 101 Pleasant Street
 Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012**COMMISSION TO STUDY BUSINESS REGULATIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 359-L:1)**

3:00 p.m.

Room 104, LOB

Subcommittee Meeting

3:00 p.m.

Room 303, LOB

Subcommittee Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012**WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62)**

9:00 a.m.

Room 307, LOB

Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012**SHORELAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 483-B:21)**

9:30 a.m.

Department of Environmental
 Services, Room 214
 29 Hazen Drive
 Concord, NH

Lakes' Subcommittee
 Regular Meeting

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

3:00 p.m.

Room 103, LOB

Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)**

2:00 p.m.

Department of Health & Human Services
 29 Hazen Drive
 Concord, NH

Subcommittee on Public
 Health Services Improvement

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF SERVICE-CONNECTED POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SUFFERED IN THE LINE OF DUTY BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS (RSA 115-D:1)

2:30 p.m. Room 203, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012

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

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

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

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

MONDAY MARCH 19, 2012

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

9:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES (RSA 126-T:1)

10:00 a.m. Room 305, LOB Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012

COMMISSION TO STUDY BUSINESS REGULATIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 359-L:1)

3:00 p.m. Room 303, LOB Regular Meeting

SENATE BILLS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

SB 19, relative to the definition of “prime wetlands.”

SB 49, relative to tip pooling arrangements.

SB 152-FN, relative to participation in state employees’ group insurance by members of the general court.

SB 190, relative to the duties and membership of the executive branch ethics committee.

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 2011 RE-REFERRED AND RETAINED BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 19, 48, 71, 74, 83, 84, 132, 142, 152, 153, 155, 159,160, 163, 168, 185, 186, 188, 198, 212, 217, 219, 225, 227, 239, 271, 272, 275, 276, 279, 289, 294, 303, 305, 309, 311, 312, 320, 324, 326, 343, 372, 375

HOUSE BILLS: 72, 110, 186, 210, 222, 225, 242, 247, 269, 325, 330, 351, 378, 420, 449, 466, 479, 508, 518, 520, 528, 654

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK’S OFFICE FOR 2012 BILLS:

HOUSE BILLS: 648

NOTICES

STATE HOUSE COMPLEX DISPOSAL BOXES

The General Court is exploring the issue of the disposal of dirty syringes, needles, and any other sharps into the proper disposal boxes.

During the first phase of exploration, we will have a sharps box for collection in the Health Services Department to place all sharps in. This will assist us in planning if there is any viability of placing like containers in the complex.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader

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THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

All legislators and staff are invited to attend the 10th Annual NH Capital St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Lunch to benefit Children's Hospital at Dartmouth on Thursday, March 15th, at 12:00 p.m., at the Courtyard Marriott-Grappone Center in Concord, with a special comedy performance by Juston McKinnery, star of Comedy Central, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and Conan O'Brien. For your complimentary reservation, please RSVP to: **James.Demers@Demers-Blaisdell.com**

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader

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TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012

The American Red Cross cordially invites all Legislative members and staff to the annual State House complex blood drive. The blood drive will take place on Tuesday, March 20th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The American Red Cross state-of-the-art, self-contained coach will be parked out in front of the State House for this event. Appointments are strongly encouraged. To schedule an appointment, please call State House Health Services, ext. 271-2757.

In the past, the blood drive has had overwhelming support. Please help to make this year the best ever!

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012

Breathe New Hampshire invites all legislators and staff to attend a Breakfast Reception on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the State House Cafeteria. Please join Breathe New Hampshire staff, board members, and volunteers for breakfast, conversation, and door prizes. Please RSVP by March 16, 2012 at **info@breathenh.org** or by calling 603-669-2411.

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-#1

(February 9, 2012)

Request of Rep. Steve Vaillancourt for Interpretation of Ethics Guidelines
Section 1 Principles of Public Service, Paragraphs II and III

Rep. Vaillancourt has asked the Committee to determine whether the alleged use of certain methods and procedures by House leadership to persuade legislators to support its positions (characterized in his letter as “bullying”), and non-public activities pursued on the part of leadership in the development of legislation (characterized as “secrecy”), are violative of the Ethics Guidelines, specifically Section 1 Principles of Public Service, Paragraphs II and III.

Those paragraphs state:

“II. Principle Of Independent Objective Judgment

Legislators should employ independent objective judgment in performing their duties, deciding all matters on the merits free from conflicts of interest and both real and apparent improper influences.

“III. Principle Of Accountability

Legislators should assure that government is conducted openly, equitably and honorably in a manner that permits the citizenry to make informed judgments and hold government officials accountable.”

RSA 14-B:3, I(b) authorizes the Ethics Committee to:

“Issue interpretative [*sic*] rulings explaining and *clarifying* any law, guideline, rule or regulation within the jurisdiction of the committee” (emphasis added).

We treat the request as asking for clarification of the cited Principles through an Interpretive Ruling.

Committee Analysis

The issue is whether the types of conduct alleged in the request fall within the scope of the Guidelines as they presently exist. In that regard, in a series of previous decisions dismissing certain Complaints on a confidential basis as required by law, we have recognized that there are substantial limitations on the scope of the Guidelines. More particularly, we have ruled that the Guidelines do not create an opportunity to raise every asserted grievance against legislators’ behavior. Specifically:

In a Complaint which alleged repeated uncivil or abusive conduct toward another legislator, we said:

“The Ethics Guidelines are not intended to provide a general grievance procedure for legislators to complain about uncivil or other inappropriate activity by their colleagues, but rather are designed as standards to guide legislators toward conduct which is in the public interest, objective, and open, and to guide them away from conduct infected by conflict of interest or abuse of office.”

In another Complaint, which alleged false or offensive testimony by a legislator before a committee, we said:

“The Ethics Guidelines are not intended to provide a general grievance procedure to complain against legislators for making untrue or other inappropriate presentations to their colleagues. Rather, they are designed as standards to guide legislators toward conduct which is in the public interest, objective, and open, and to guide them away from conduct infected by conflict of interest or abuse of office.”

In yet another Complaint, which alleged failure on the part of a legislator to adopt the complainant’s view toward specific legislation, we said:

“The Ethics Committee’s complaint procedure is not intended as a mechanism to challenge a legislator’s position on a matter of policy, or to enforce a complainant’s position regarding such policy. Rather, the Guidelines are designed as standards to guide legislators toward conduct which is in the public interest, objective, and open, and to guide them away from conduct infected by conflict of interest or abuse of office.”

As these decisions demonstrate, the Committee has repeatedly rejected efforts to use its processes as a general grievance mechanism for challenging offensive or abusive conduct by legislators toward each other, or for challenging how matters of policy are developed or resolved.

As in its previous decisions, the Committee does not believe that the purpose of the Guidelines covers the conduct in question. Our previous rulings have suggested that as the governing law presently stands, the Committee’s role is more limited. Based on those rulings, we perceive no basis for us now to become judges of the political conduct of legislative leadership, through clarification of the Guidelines.

In addition, the conduct described in Rep. Vaillancourt’s request would not fall within the definition of “conflict of interest,” as presently provided in the Guidelines. That definition narrowly defines the term only as “the condition in which a legislator has a financial interest in any official activity.” See Ethics Guidelines, Section 2 Definitions, Paragraph II.

The issues Rep. Vaillancourt has raised, while important, are fundamentally political, rather than questions of ethics we are currently charged with deciding. For better or worse, the conduct Rep. Vaillancourt describes has, in widely varying degrees, always been part of the legislative process. To accept Rep. Vaillancourt’s contentions would thrust the Committee into the middle of the House’s political processes.

Such political questions must be determined by legislators themselves in the selection of their leadership, or adopting appropriate legislation or rules, or ultimately by the voters, but not by us under the present state of the Guidelines. It is for the legislature, rather than the Committee, to further define and articulate what should be the functional line between permissible and impermissible efforts to influence fellow legislators' votes (apart from use or threats of physical force, bribery or other offers of economic advantage, which we believe are prohibited by present law, but which Rep.Vaillancourt's request does not allege). Similarly, it is for the legislature, rather than the Committee, to determine the line between permissible and impermissible methods for shaping policy in the development of legislation.

If the legislature were to articulate such limits through statute, rule or otherwise, to govern legislators in the performance of their duties, actions in violation of such limits would fall within the Committee's statutory jurisdiction. See RSA 14-B:1, I. However, under present law, they do not.

Accordingly, the Committee respectfully declines to interpret the Guidelines, as they presently stand, to prohibit the conduct alleged by Rep.Vaillancourt.

For the Committee,
Martin L. Gross
Chairman

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Monday, February 20, 2012	President's Day (State Holiday)
Monday, February 27, 2012 - Friday, March 02, 2012	Senate Break
Thursday, March 15, 2012	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-3 (b).
Thursday, March 29, 2012	Last Day to ACT on all Senate bills. (Crossover)
Thursday, May 03, 2012	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-3 (b).
Thursday, May 17, 2012	Last Day to ACT on all House bills.
Thursday, May 24, 2012	Last Day to FORM Committees of Conference.
Monday, May 28, 2012	Memorial Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, May 31, 2012	Last Day to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.
Thursday, June 07, 2012	Last Day to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.
Wednesday, July 04, 2012	Independence Day (State Holiday)
Monday, September 03, 2012	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Monday, November 12, 2012	Veterans' Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 22, 2012	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 23, 2012	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Tuesday, December 25, 2012	Christmas Day (State Holiday)
Tuesday, January 01, 2013	New Year's Day (State Holiday)

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VISITORS' CENTER SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY & MARCH

State House Visitation Schedule

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 2012. These listings are to ensure all members be notified in a timely manner of visitors from their district. Our schedule is tightly booked for the school year and subject to changes.

Please contact the Visitors' Center concerning school tour booking information. Legislators planning to meet with students should notify the Visitors' Center. Thank you for your continued participation with your School Visitation Program.

Virginia J. Drew, Director
Deborah Rivers, Public Information Administrator

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>GROUP</i>	<i>Group#/Grade</i>
Feb. 17	9:00/10:30 SH/Manse	Peter Woodbury School – Bedford	80/4
Feb. 17	11:30	Sandwich Central School	17/4
Feb. 17	11:30	Nashua Christian Academy	15/4
Feb. 17	1:00	Phoenix House Academy – Dublin	12/HS
Feb. 21	8:30	Concord High School Civics class	25/HS
Feb. 21	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Hooksett Elementary School	89/4
Feb. 22	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Hooksett Elementary School	89/4
Feb. 22	1:00	Kimball Walker School – Concord	46/4
Feb. 23	10:15/11:30 SH/HM	New Searles Elementary School – Nashua	64/4
Feb. 24	10:00	Concord High School Civics class	50/HS
Feb. 28	2:00	Boy Scout Troop #123 – Goffstown	10
Feb. 29	10:00	Portsmouth Christian Academy @ Dover	9/HS
March 1	10:00	Derry Girl Scouts	20/1-3rd
March 2	9:30/11:00 SH/HM/SC	Hanover St. School – Lebanon	62/4
March 2	3:00	Cub Scouts – Concord	10/2
March 5	9:00	Broken Ground School – Concord	25/4
March 5	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Idlehurst School – Somersworth	100/4
March 6	9:00/10:00	Broken Ground School – Concord	50/4
March 7	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Loudon Elementary School	60/4
March 7	10:00	American Cancer Society Day	
March 8	10:00	Tuftsboro Elementary School	35/4
March 8	11:00	New Franklin School – Portsmouth	50/4
March 9	10:15/11:30 SH/SC	Sandown Central School	88/4