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SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 AT 1:00 P.M.**

VETO MESSAGES

May 8, 2015

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 101

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on May 8, 2015, I have vetoed Senate Bill 101, an act prohibiting the state from requiring implementation of Common Core standards.

New Hampshire's economic competitiveness depends on our ongoing commitment to ensuring that our students and workers have the skills needed to compete in the future. Senate Bill 101 serves no real function as it prohibits non-existent requirements. But allowing it to become law would have real and lasting consequences to New Hampshire's economic competitiveness by sending a damaging signal that our state is not committed to the education standards necessary to prepare a 21st century workforce. That is why the business community and the education community joined together to oppose this legislation. The New Hampshire Business and Industry Association has called for a veto, writing "SB101 undermines New Hampshire's commitment to higher educational standards and sends a message mediocre is okay."

No school district is required to implement Common Core under current New Hampshire law, thus there is no need to pass a law exempting districts from compliance. School districts are already well aware that they have such a choice. In fact, Manchester underwent an extensive process to write its own standards. At the end of the day, Manchester ended up with standards that are quite similar to the Common Core standards, reflecting that Common Core is a common-sense framework – developed from the ground up in a bipartisan process led by Governors and Chief School Officers – for ensuring that our children are ready for careers and/or college.

Our schools need to prepare our young people to compete in the global, 21st century innovation economy, and college- and career-readiness standards are critical to that effort, which is why Common Core has the support of educators and businesses, and of Republicans and Democrats. As this bill has no practical impact, its purpose appears to be that of sending a message, and it is the wrong message. New Hampshire must be clear that it is committed to developing a 21st century workforce and citizenry, that it welcomes innovation, and that it is modernizing its education system to reflect those values. Legislation like Senate Bill 101 undermines the importance of high standards in education and the work that New Hampshire's Department of Education and Board of Education do every day to ensure that our students are college ready and prepared to enter the workforce. It also undermines similar locally led efforts as well.

Instead of legislation aimed at undermining college- and career-readiness standards like Common Core – we should be focused on continually improving the education we offer our children. This focus should help schools implement new standards effectively and build on New Hampshire's status as a leader in competency-based education. We should be celebrating and building on innovative programs like our groundbreaking Performance Assessment for Competency Education (PACE), a locally managed assessment process. PACE empowers our students and our teachers by reducing the level of standardized testing in favor of more locally managed assessments that will be integrated into a student's day-to-day work, and that improves the effectiveness of project-based 21st century learning.

As we work together to make sure that our students have access to a rigorous education, it is critical that we continue to do so in the New Hampshire way, with local school districts continuing to have the authority, flexibility and responsibility to meet the best interests of their children. And we need to continue to improve outreach so that we can enhance understanding of modern and rigorous standards among all stakeholders and citizens so that we are working together in a rapidly changing economy to prepare our young people for the future.

This legislation is unnecessary and its passage would send a message to the business and education community that New Hampshire does not value high standards in education, standards that will help prepare our future workforce for success in the innovation economy. Therefore, I have vetoed Senate Bill 101.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

July 6, 2015

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 116

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 6, 2015, I have vetoed Senate Bill 116, repealing the license requirement for carrying a concealed pistol or revolver.

New Hampshire's current concealed carry permitting law has worked well for nearly a century – safeguarding the Second Amendment rights of our citizens while helping to keep the Granite State one of the safest states in the nation. Our concealed weapons permitting system gives an important oversight role to local law enforcement, while allowing for appeals through appropriate channels.

Throughout the process on Senate Bill 116 I have heard concerns from law enforcement and public safety officials, as well as citizens across New Hampshire, about allowing individuals to carry concealed guns without a license. They oppose removing the protections that the licensing process offers to help ensure that potentially dangerous individuals are not allowed to carry hidden weapons and I share their concerns.

I support the Second Amendment and I believe that Americans have a right to responsibly own guns for personal safety, hunting, and recreation. However, I also recognize the need to balance the rights of gun owners with the rights of all New Hampshire citizens to be safe in their communities. With this consideration, I believe that New Hampshire's current law is appropriate and responsible.

Further, the ability of states to responsibly and appropriately regulate the concealed carry of firearms is a standard that has been reaffirmed in its constitutional soundness time and time again by the United States Supreme Court. In the majority decision in the 2008 Supreme Court case of *District of Columbia v. Heller*, Justice Antonin Scalia wrote, "Like most rights, the Second Amendment right is not unlimited. It is not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose: For example, concealed weapons prohibitions have been upheld under the Amendment or state analogues ... The majority of the 19th-century courts to consider the question held that prohibitions on carrying concealed weapons were lawful under the Second Amendment or state analogues."

New Hampshire law already allows for the open carry of handguns without a permit, and it also ensures that an appeal process is in place when a permit is denied.

Many proponents of Senate Bill 116 cite the states that allow the concealed carry of firearms without a permit. However, the gun laws of a state cannot be viewed in isolation of one another, and upon broader examination, many of the states referenced in testimony by proponents have far stricter regulations at the point of original purchase than New Hampshire does, including more vigorous background checks for the purchase of guns.

Even Texas, which still issues permits for concealed carry, does so while requiring the submission of "Information regarding any psychiatric, drug, alcohol, or criminal history," in issuing its permits. In fact, according to the New Hampshire Department of Safety, as recently as 2010, the State of Texas declined to recognize New Hampshire resident pistol/revolver licenses asserting that New Hampshire gun laws do not meet the standards set forth in Texas law and stating "...New Hampshire authorities or agents are not required to conduct background checks, including searches of the NCIC and III databases on all applicants for a concealed handgun permit prior to issuance of the permit."

In his book *Live Free or Die*, Republican Governor Mel Thomson said that the current permitting process for concealed carry in New Hampshire is "a sensible handgun law." That is as true today as it was then. By allowing Senate Bill 116 to become law, we would be eliminating a responsible step from our tradition of common-sense gun laws and in doing so compromising the public safety of our citizens. Therefore, I am vetoing Senate Bill 116.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

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July 10, 2015

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 169

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 10, 2015, I have vetoed Senate Bill 169, relative to the use of electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards.

Senate Bill 169 prohibits the use of cash received from electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards for the purpose of gambling and the purchase of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets, firearms, and adult entertainment. While the sponsors and I agree that public assistance should not be used for these purposes, the approach taken by this legislation would be unenforceable, as retail clerks and sales associates would have no way of determining where an individual's cash came from at the time of sale. That is why I will sign the alternative – and workable – version of this legislation, House Bill 219.

Senate Bill 169 could lead to retail clerks being in the uncomfortable position of policing potential abuse by trying to decide whether “someone looks like” they receive assistance. That could lead to discrimination, as many of those who opposed the bill warned. The seniors, people with disabilities, and struggling families who receive cash public assistance sometimes have alternative sources of income, making it nearly impossible to determine the source of the cash that is being utilized for the purchase.

House Bill 219 allows for a more enforceable approach to address the issue of potential public assistance fraud or abuse. House Bill 219 prevents use of EBT cards within body piercing or tattoo parlors, cigar stores and smoke shops, and marijuana dispensaries. These locations are exclusive to the product or service they provide, and thus preventing use of EBT cards in these establishments does not prevent someone from purchasing basic household items that these locations do not sell. House Bill 219 also requires an educational component for cash assistance recipients and retail establishments, something Senate Bill 169 fails to do. For these reasons, I will be signing into law House Bill 219 when it reaches my desk.

Senate Bill 169 establishes an unenforceable precedent that could put our cashiers and retail clerks in the untenable position of determining the source of a customer's cash in an attempt to police potential abuse, along with denying access to families who need and qualify for this financial support. I will be signing House Bill 219, which accomplishes this bill's goals of protecting taxpayer dollars used in this critical program without creating an unenforceable regulation or the potential for discrimination. Therefore, I have vetoed Senate Bill 169.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

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July 10, 2015

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 179

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 10, 2015, I have vetoed Senate Bill 179, relative to eligibility to vote and relative to availability of voter information.

The constitutional right of all citizens to vote is the most fundamental right of our democracy, and we must always be working to ensure that people who are legally domiciled in New Hampshire are not blocked from voting. Senate Bill 179 places unreasonable restrictions upon all New Hampshire citizens' right to vote in this state with an arbitrary timeline that will prevent lawful residents from taking part in the robust citizen democracy that we are so proud of in the Granite State.

Our present law provides for same day voter registration, whereby an individual domiciled within the state can register and vote on the date of an election. Contrary to this voting system, Senate Bill 179 requires that an individual establish a domicile for no less than 30 consecutive days before any election in which the person offers to vote. This durational requirement unnecessarily interferes with both the

right to vote and the right to travel under the New Hampshire and United States Constitutions. Similar restrictions have been found unconstitutional in states with same day voter registration as there is no compelling state interest to support such a law. In the First In The Nation state, it is hard to imagine that we would prohibit someone who moves here for a job in the middle of August from voting in a mid-term primary at the beginning of September, or in any of the numerous similar situations that would be impacted by this law.

We want to encourage individuals and their families to move to our state and, upon doing so, offer them all the rights and protections of being a New Hampshire citizen. This includes the right to participate in our democratic process and vote in our elections regardless of whether an individual moves to New Hampshire 29 days before an election or 31 days before an election. In both instances, the individual, who chooses New Hampshire as his or her domicile, should be welcomed and allowed to vote.

We must be vigilant in our efforts to prevent and aggressively prosecute voter fraud, but Senate Bill 179 does not do anything to accomplish those goals. Restricting the rights of those who are constitutionally eligible to vote with a durational requirement does nothing to prevent people from lying about where they live, it merely denies people who recently moved to New Hampshire and are lawful residents of our state their fundamental right to vote.

This bill violates the constitutional right of people who are lawful residents of New Hampshire to vote, a fundamental right that is critical to the vibrancy of our democracy. Therefore, I have vetoed Senate Bill 179.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

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LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 227, relative to eminent domain on public lands. **04/30/2015, pending motion, Inexpedient to Legislate, Public and Municipal Affairs, SJ 12, pg. 359**

HB 276, providing that school districts shall not be required to adopt the common core standards. **05/07/2015, pending motion, Inexpedient to Legislate, Education, SJ 13, pg. 384**

HB 403-FN, repealing the law relative to providing certain parameters for access to reproductive health care facilities. **05/14/2015, No Pending Motion, Judiciary, SJ 14, pg. 403**

HB 411, prohibiting the payment of subminimum wages to persons with disabilities. **04/30/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Commerce, SJ 12, pg. 348**

HB 563-FN, relative to funding for chartered public school pupils. **05/14/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Education, SJ 14, pg. 397**

HB 618-FN, relative to penalties for the possession of marijuana. **06/04/2015, pending motion, Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 17. Pg. 588**

HB 658-FN, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join a labor union. **04/30/2015, pending motion, Ought to Pass, Finance, SJ 12, pg. 358**

SB 1-FN-A, reducing the rate of the business profits tax. **03/19/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9, pg. 203**

SB 2-FN-A, reducing the rate of the business enterprise tax. **03/19/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9, pg. 203**

SB 6-FN-A, increasing the research and development tax credit against the business profits tax. **02/19/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Ways and Means, SJ 6, pg. 81**

SB 34-FN-L, establishing a voluntary tax disclosure program and a tax amnesty program in the department of revenue administration. **03/12/2015, pending motion, Refer to Finance Rule 4-5, Ways and Means, SJ 8, pg. 180**

SB 37, limiting the requirements for live testimony by medical professionals in civil actions. **03/26/2015, pending motion, Committee Amendment 0992s, Judiciary, SJ 10, pg. 303**

SB 42, relative to employee notification of contraceptive coverage. **03/05/2015, pending motion, Ought to Pass, Commerce, SJ 7 pg. 95**

SB 79, relative to appointment of inspectors of election. **02/12/2015, pending motion, Committee Amendment 0107s, Public and Municipal Affairs, SJ 5, pg. 69**

SB 87, relative to wake on a certain area of the Piscataqua River. **02/19/2015, pending motion, Inexpedient to Legislate, Transportation, SJ 6, pg. 82**

SB 95, relative to the authority of the department of state. **03/05/2015, pending motion, Re-refer to committee, Finance, SJ 7, pg. 99**

SB 107-FN, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join or contribute to a labor union. **03/05/2015, no pending motion, Commerce, SJ 7, pg. 97**

SB 130, relative to participation in the immunization registry. **03/19/2015, pending motion, Re-refer to committee, Health and Human Services, SJ 9, pg. 205**

SB 156-FN, prohibiting discrimination against employees who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. **03/05/2015, pending motion, Ought to Pass, Commerce, SJ 7, pg. 97**

SB 185-FN, extending the New Hampshire health protection program. **03/12/2015, pending motion, Inexpedient to Legislate, Health and Human Services, SJ 8, pg. 168**

SB 196-FN-A-L, appropriating funds to the department of environmental services for the purpose of funding eligible water supply land protection costs under the state aid grant program. **02/12/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Energy and Natural Resources, SJ 5, pg. 64**

SB 201-FN-A, increasing the annual limit on the new investment tax credit. **03/05/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Ways and Means, SJ 7, pg. 105**

SB 205-FN, relative to the governor's office and the legislature under the electioneering law. **03/12/2015, pending motion, Ought to Pass as Amended, Judiciary, SJ 8, pg. 173**

SB 212-FN, relative to the membership and duties of the juvenile justice advisory board and the Sununu Youth Services Center. **03/12/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 8, pg. 168**

SB 215-FN-A, establishing an option to rebate the research and development tax credit against business profits taxes. **03/05/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Ways and Means, SJ 7, pg. 105**

SB 217-FN, establishing a job creation tax credit against business enterprise taxes. **03/05/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Ways and Means, SJ 7, pg. 106**

SB 220-FN-A, establishing a tax amnesty program and making an appropriation therefor. **03/12/2015, pending motion, Inexpedient to Legislate, Ways and Means, SJ 8, pg. 182**

SB 228-FN-L, relative to the maximum total education grant, adjustment of stabilization grants, and adequate education funding for full-day kindergarten pupils. **03/05/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Education, SJ 7, pg. 98**

SB 229-FN-A, appropriating funds to the department of environmental services for the purpose of restoring and protecting waters of the southeast watershed in accordance with EPA guidelines. **02/12/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Energy and Natural Resources, SJ 5, pg. 65**

SB 233-FN-A, relative to state revenue and expenditures for fiscal year 2015. **03/05/2015, pending motion, Inexpedient to Legislate, Finance, SJ 7, pg. 100**

SB 253, relative to the enactment of ordinances by municipalities permitting an assessment on hotel occupancy for the use of municipal services. **03/26/2015, pending motion, Re-refer to committee, Public and Municipal Affairs, SJ 10, pg. 311**

HEARINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

CAPITAL BUDGET, Room 100, SH

Sen. Daniels (C), Sen. Boutin (VC), Sen. Forrester, Sen. D'Allesandro, Sen. Kelly

11:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING RE-REFERRED BILLS

SB 206-FN-A, making a capital appropriation for a facility in Milford for a circuit court and a division of motor vehicles office.

SB 224-FN-A, making a capital appropriation for the Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont to construct an involuntary commitment mental health facility.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 100, SH

Sen. Bradley (C), Sen. Little (VC), Sen. Sanborn, Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Feltes

3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING RE-REFERRED BILLS

SB 26-FN, relative to the electric renewable portfolio standard.

SB 260-FN, relative to the authority of the public utilities commission to regulate telecommunications service providers.

Please Note: The committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. or immediately following Senate Session.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

EDUCATION, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Reagan (C), Sen. Stiles (VC), Sen. Avard, Sen. Kelly, Sen. Watters

10:00 a.m.

SB 246, relative to the definition of "teacher" for the purpose of renomination or reelection.

10:10 a.m.

SB 25-FN, relative to epinephrine administered in schools.

10:15 a.m.

HB 346, relative to criminal history records checks for school employees and volunteers.

10:20 a.m.

HB 555, relative to participation of chartered public school students in school district co-curricular activities.

10:25 a.m.

SB 152, requiring the state police to disclose the results of a criminal records check to school officials.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

Sen. Prescott (C), Sen. Bradley (VC), Sen. Cataldo, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Pierce

1:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING RE-REFERRED BILLS

HB 353, relative to the governance of condominium unit owners' associations.

SB 3-FN, relative to payment for reasonable value of services.

SB 18, prohibiting the use of PVC piping as a flue material for venting combustion gases.

SB 100, relative to home heating fuel deliveries in the winter.

SB 128-FN, relative to pharmacy benefit managers paying claims.

SB 131-FN, authorizing individuals and certain businesses to purchase health insurance from out-of-state companies.

SB 158, relative to notice required prior to foreclosure.

SB 177, relative to tip pooling.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 102, LOB

Sen. Birdsell (C), Sen. Boutin (VC), Sen. Stiles, Sen. Lasky, Sen. Kelly

10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING RE-REFERRED BILLS

HB 331, relative to absences among selectmen on election day.

HB 502, relative to petitions for verification of checklists.

HB 529, relative to party conventions.

HB 689, relative to adoption of a default budget.

SB 4, relative to domicile for voting purposes.

SB 175, relative to the regulation of blighted property.

SB 198-FN-L, allowing all voters to vote by absentee ballot.

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

COMMISSION TO STUDY REVENUE ALTERNATIVES TO THE ROAD TOLL FOR ELECTRIC-POWERED AND HYBRID VEHICLES FOR THE FUNDING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES (RSA 21-J:48)

10:00 a.m.

Room 201, LOB

Regular Meeting

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

10:00 a.m.

Room 205, LOB

Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY PATHWAYS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 317-A:21-f)

2:00 p.m.

Room 101, LOB

Regular Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K:1)

1:00 p.m.

NHTI Community College
Crocker Wellness Center
Sweeney Hall Room 225
31 College Drive
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

COMMITTEE TO STUDY NON-ACADEMIC SURVEYS OR QUESTIONNAIRES ADMINISTERED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO ITS STUDENTS (HB 206, Chapter 161:1, Laws of 2015)

1:00 p.m.

Room 102, LOB

Regular Meeting

NH COURT ACCREDITATION COMMISSION (RSA 490:5-a)

1:00 p.m.

NH Supreme Court
One Charles Doe Drive
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

TASK FORCE ON WORK AND FAMILY (RSA 276-B:2, I)

1:15 p.m.

Room 207, LOB

Regular Meeting

NH BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2)

2:00 p.m.

Walker Building, Room 330
21 South Fruit St.
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

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

3:00 p.m.

Room 100, SH

Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**PUBLIC WATER ACCESS ADVISORY BOARD (RSA 233-A:2, I)**

9:00 a.m.

NH Fish & Game
11 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH

Field Trip

COMMITTEE TO STUDY PUBLIC ACCESS TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

(SB 92, Chapter 151:1, Laws of 2015 and HB 304, Chapter 66:1, Laws of 2015)

9:30 a.m.

Room 100, SH

Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY STATE PROCUREMENT (HB 1331, Chapter 221:4, Laws of 2014)

10:00 a.m.

Room 103, SH

Regular Meeting

COMMISSION ON RURAL AFFAIRS (RSA 9-A:5)

10:30 a.m.

Rooms 303, LOB

Regular Meeting

OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON MEDICAL COST TRANSPARENCY (RSA 400-A:67)

10:00 a.m.

Room 207, LOB

Organizational Meeting

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

11:00 a.m.

Room 205, LOB

Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FORMULA FOR DISTRIBUTION OF MEALS AND ROOMS TAX REVENUES (SB 213, Chapter 181:1, Laws of 2015)

12:30 p.m.

Room 103, LOB

Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE LAWS RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS (RSA 356-B:70)

1:00 p.m.

Room 205, LOB

Organizational Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE USE OF ABANDONED RAILROAD BEDS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES (SB 80, Chapter 116:1, Laws of 2015)

2:30 p.m.

Room 103, LOB

Regular Meeting

COUNCIL FOR YOUTHS WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS (RSA 126-J:1)

6:00 p.m.

Upham-Walker House
18 Park Street
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015**COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A CLUB ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OFF HIGH-WAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (OHRVs) (SB 173, Chapter 34:1, Laws of 2015)**

9:00 a.m.

Room 103, SH

Organizational Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

9:00 a.m.

Rooms 305-307, LOB

Regular Meeting

COMMISSION ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (RSA 115-D)

2:30 p.m.

Rooms 206-208, LOB

Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD (RSA 125-O:5-a)

9:00 a.m.	PUC Office 21 South Fruit Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62)

9:00 a.m.	Room 307, LOB	Regular Meeting
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MOUNT WASHINGTON COMMISSION (RSA 227-B:3)

10:00 a.m.	Tip Top House Mount Washington State Park Auto Road Jackson, NH	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON SUICIDE PREVENTION (RSA 126-R:2)

10:00 a.m.	Room 205, LOB	Regular Meeting
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GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD (RSA 490-C:1)

10:30 a.m.	Room 101, LOB	Adjudicatory Hearing
1:00 p.m.	Room 101, LOB	Full Board Meeting (Time Permitting)

COMMISSION TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 135-C:63-b)

1:00 p.m.	Room 205, LOB	Regular Meeting
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COMMITTEE TO STUDY PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION (SB 88, Chapter 184:1, Laws of 2015)

1:30 p.m.	Room 102, LOB	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL VILLAGE DISTRICT IN DANBURY (HB 486, Chapter 240:3, Laws of 2015)

9:00 a.m.	Room 305, LOB	Regular Meeting
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COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FUNDING OF STATE AID GRANTS UNDER RSA 486, RSA 486-A, AND RSA 149-M (HB 511, Chapter 15:1, Laws of 2015)

11:00 a.m.	Room 305, LOB	Regular Meeting
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CONTINUING RESOLUTION WORK GROUP: SUNUNU YOUTH SERVICES CENTER TRANSFORMATION PLAN

1:00 p.m.	Room 100, SH	Work Session
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INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E:2)

1:30 p.m.	Room 204, LOB	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (RSA 125-Q)

1:30 p.m.	Room 205, LOB	Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE STANDARDS FOR COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE (RSA 318:16-c)

9:30 a.m.	Room 206, LOB	Regular Meeting
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COMMITTEE TO STUDY PUBLIC ACCESS TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (SB 92, Chapter 151:1, Laws of 2015 and HB 304, Chapter 66:1, Laws of 2015)

9:30 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES; HOUSE RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT (Joint hearing required by HB 102, Chapter 201:20 (b), Laws of 2009)

9:30 a.m.	Rooms 305-307, LOB	Joint Public Hearing on the Implementation of the Protected Instream Flow Levels and Water Management Plans for the Lamprey River and Souhegan River
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(Please Note: This Public Hearing will be conducted by DES personnel. If you have any questions please contact Ted Diers of DES at (603) 271-3289 or ted.diers@des.nh.gov)

GAMES FOR CHARITY STUDY COMMISSION (RSA 284:6-b)

10:00 a.m.	Walker Building, Room 100 21 Fruit Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3)

10:30 a.m.	Room 205, LOB	Regular Meeting
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON DEDICATED FUNDS (RSA 6:12-i)

1:00 p.m.	Room 202, LOB	Organizational Meeting
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES; HOUSE RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT (Joint hearing required by HB 102, Chapter 201:20 (b), Laws of 2009)

4:30 p.m.	Milford Police Training and Community Room 19 Garden Street Milford, NH	Joint Public Hearing on the Implementation of the Protected Instream Flow Levels and Water Management Plans for the Souhegan River
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(Please Note: This Public Hearing will be conducted by DES personnel. If you have any questions please contact Ted Diers of DES at (603) 271-3289 or ted.diers@des.nh.gov)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE REGULATION OF PAWNBROKERS, SECONDHAND DEALERS, AND JUNK OR SCRAP METAL DEALERS (RSA 322-A:1)

9:30 a.m.	Room 306, LOB	Organizational Meeting
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COMMITTEE TO STUDY ISSUES CONCERNING PARKING FOR THOSE WITH WALKING DISABILITIES (SB 171, Chapter 155:1, Laws of 2015)

10:00 a.m.	Room 103, LOB	Regular Meeting
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COMMISSION ON USE OF POLICE PERSONNEL FILES (RSA 105:13-c)

1:00 p.m.	Room 303, LOB	Regular Meeting
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COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FORMULA FOR DISTRIBUTION OF MEALS AND ROOMS TAX REVENUES (SB 213, Chapter 181:1, Laws of 2015)

1:00 p.m.	Room 103, LOB	Regular Meeting
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES; HOUSE RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT (Joint hearing required by HB 102, Chapter 201:20 (b), Laws of 2009)

6:30 p.m.	Fish & Game Region 3 Office 225 Main Street Durham, NH	Joint Public Hearing on the Implementation of the Protected Instream Flow Levels and Water Management Plans for the Lamprey River
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(Please Note: This Public Hearing will be conducted by DES personnel. If you have any questions please contact Ted Diers of DES at (603) 271-3289 or ted.diers@des.nh.gov)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

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

9:30 a.m.	Room 305, LOB	ASB Subcommittee on HB 547, 2015 Session
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COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE ADEQUACY AND SAFETY OF SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH UBER AND EXISTING TAXI SERVICES (SB 254, Chapter 257:1, Laws of 2015)

10:00 a.m.	Room 102, LOB	Organizational Meeting
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COMMITTEE TO STUDY IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE FINANCIAL APPROVAL PROCESS FOR HOUSING SUBDIVISIONS USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (HB 175, Chapter 8:1, Laws of 2015)

1:00 p.m.	Room 307, LOB	Organizational Meeting
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COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES (RSA 126-T)

2:00 p.m.	NH Medical Society 7 North State Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE DEFINITION OF "EMPLOYEE" AND THE APPLICATION OF THAT DEFINITION TO PERSONS WHO WORK EXCLUSIVELY AT HOME VIA THE INTERNET FOR ONLINE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES (HB 361, Chapter 138:2, Laws of 2015)

2:00 p.m.	Room 307, LOB	Organizational Meeting
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

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

9:30 a.m.	Room 204, LOB	Regular Meeting
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FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT (RSA 14:30-a)

10:00 a.m.	Rooms 210-211, LOB	Regular Business
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BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING (RSA 205-A:25)

1:00 p.m.	Room 307, LOB	Regular Meeting
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THERAPEUTIC USE OF CANNABIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-X:9)

1:00 p.m.	Room 205, LOB	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

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

9:00 a.m.	Room 305, LOB	Regular Meeting
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EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND SPECIES COMMITTEE (RSA 487:30)

3:00 p.m.	Room 307, LOB	Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

COMMITTEE TO STUDY PUBLIC ACCESS TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (SB 92, Chapter 151:1, Laws of 2015 and HB 304, Chapter 66:1, Laws of 2015)

9:30 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting
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COMMISSION TO REVIEW CHILD ABUSE FATALITIES (RSA 169-C:39-k)

10:00 a.m.	Room 102, LOB	Regular Meeting
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COMMISSION TO STUDY OVERSIGHT, REGULATION, AND REPORTING OF PATIENT SAFETY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL ISSUES IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS (RSA 126-A:68)

10:00 a.m. Room 303, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF MILITARY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT THAT MAY BE PURCHASED BY THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (HB 407, Chapter 232:1, Laws of 2015)

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

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE ADOPTION OF LOW-IMPACT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (HB 268, Chapter 3:1, Laws of 2015)

1:00 p.m. Room 301, LOB Organizational Meeting

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

1:00 p.m. Room 207, LOB Organizational Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE USE OF ABANDONED RAILROAD BEDS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES (SB 80, Chapter 116:1, Laws of 2015)

2:30 p.m. Room 103, LOB Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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

10:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EXPANSION OF RIGHTS OF DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION UNDER RSA 99-D TO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST STATE EMPLOYEES BEFORE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS (RSA 99-D:10)

10:30 a.m. Room 103, SH Regular Meeting

NH BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2)

6:00 p.m. Whole Village Family
Resource Center
258 Highland Street
Plymouth, NH Public Forum

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015

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

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015

COMMITTEE TO STUDY LIMITING THE SULFUR CONTENT OF LIQUID FUELS (SB 208, Chapter 37:2, Laws of 2015)

9:00 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY CERTAIN ISSUES RELATIVE TO THE CONTROLLED DRUG PRESCRIPTION HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM (SB 31, Chapter 48:10, Laws of 2015)

10:00 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY SHORT-TERM RENTALS BY HOMEOWNERS AND OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES (HB 531, Chapter 197:2, Laws of 2015)

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

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE USE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DETAILS AND FLAGGERS FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ON MUNICIPALLY MAINTAINED ROADS (SB 234, Chapter 81:1, Laws of 2015)

11:00 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECOUPLING FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE UTILITIES (RSA 374-F:4-a)

12:00 p.m. Room 101, LOB Organizational Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY GOVERNMENT IMMUNITY FROM SUIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY BY ITS CITIZENS (SB 41, Chapter 175:1, Laws of 2015)

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

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSERVATION NUMBER PLATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 261:97-d)

1:00 p.m. Room 307, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015

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

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

TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 12-A:46)

10:00 a.m. NH Department of Resources & Economic Development
172 Pembroke Road
Concord, NH
Quarterly Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015

COMMITTEE TO STUDY PUBLIC ACCESS TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (SB 92, Chapter 151:1, Laws of 2015 and HB 304, Chapter 66:1, Laws of 2015)

9:30 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES AND RETAIL SALES AT MANUFACTURING FACILITIES (RSA 175:10)

1:00 p.m. Room 103, SH Organizational Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015

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

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD (RSA 125-O:5-a)

9:00 a.m. PUC Office
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH
Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015

COMMITTEE TO STUDY PUBLIC ACCESS TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (SB 92, Chapter 151:1, Laws of 2015 and HB 304, Chapter 66:1, Laws of 2015)

9:30 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM COMMISSION (RSA 195-J:1)

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

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

2:00 p.m. NH Medical Society
7 North State Street
Concord, NH
Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

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

9:30 a.m. Rooms 301-303, LOB Regular Meeting

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

9:30 a.m. Room 204, LOB Regular Meeting

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015

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

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

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2015 BILLS REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

SENATE BILLS: 3, 4, 18, 25, 26, 27, 59, 61, 66, 89, 100, 109, 121, 127, 128, 129, 131, 138, 140, 147, 150, 152, 158, 165, 175, 177, 184, 193, 197, 198, 206, 210, 224, 226, 237, 239, 246, 256, 257, 260, 263

HOUSE BILLS: 141, 192, 195, 216, 285, 331, 346, 353, 380, 383, 427, 458, 463, 502, 521, 529, 555, 560, 593, 606, 613, 628, 645, 689

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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 2015 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 1, 2, 8, 20, 25, 29, 30, 34, 39, 40, 84, 93, 104, 106, 108, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 120, 125, 132, 133, 135, 138, 151, 157, 169, 186, 188, 190, 191, 192, 195, 202, 203, 205, 210, 211, 213, 214, 216, 217, 221, 227, 228, 229, 230, 238, 239, 256, 258, 259, 260, 261, 265

HOUSE BILLS: 25, 108, 109, 177, 200, 206, 216, 255, 258, 305, 364, 380, 391, 422, 450, 455, 476, 521, 550, 553, 554, 564, 572, 577, 584, 593, 597, 614, 616, 618, 628, 648, 681

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ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2015 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 11, 14, 20, 29, 38, 46, 55, 56, 60, 80, 86, 99, 104, 106, 111, 112, 116, 119, 124, 125, 132, 134, 161, 170, 171, 179, 187, 188, 190, 191, 192, 194, 202, 221, 232, 244, 266, SCR 1

HOUSE BILLS: 1, 2, 25, 119, 126, 130, 142, 153, 158, 175, 190, 212, 219, 225, 275, 279, 292, 310, 333, 336, 358, 361, 391, 407, 408, 422, 425, 455, 460, 464, 467, 468, 484, 486, 506, 508, 520, 522, 550, 572, 577, 584, 599, 607, 662, 664, 666

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NOTICES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

The 41st Annual Bill White & Junie Blaisdell Ceremonial & Memorial Legislative Golf Tournament for the benefit of Veterans Count, the philanthropic arm of Easter Seals NH Military & Veterans Services, is scheduled for Friday, September 11th at Beaver Meadow Golf Club located in Concord, NH. The entry fee for this annual tournament is \$80 per legislator and legislative staff and \$100 for all others. Entry fees must be received by Friday, September 4th.

Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. and the shotgun start is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. The format is a "Scramble". Sign-up as a foursome or sign-up by yourself in order to be placed in a foursome (subject to availability of open slots).

Please return your completed entry form and payment no later than Friday, September 4th. (Please note that, for planning purposes, payment must be made no later than Friday, September 4th. All entry forms received after Friday, September 4th will be assessed a \$25 late admittance fee per player. Cancellation must occur two weeks prior to the tournament date to receive a refund).

Checks should be made payable to: NH Legislative Golf Committee.

Mailed to: Bob Blaisdell, Demers & Blaisdell, Inc., 72 North Main Street, Suite 301, Concord, NH 03301.

**41st Annual Bill White & Junie Blaisdell Ceremonial & Memorial Legislative Golf Tournament
Beaver Meadow Golf Course
Concord, NH**

Names of Players:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Telephone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Senator Chuck W. Morse, Senate President

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

Through National Day of Prayer there will be a Bible reading Marathon on the steps of the State House from 8:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m.

Senator Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader
Senator Kevin A. Avar

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

Health Services is inviting you to be refreshed or trained in CPR for adult, child and infant; use of automatic external defibrillator (AED) for adult and child; and basic first aid. Classes will be held in Room 308 of the LOB on Thursday, September 17th and Friday, September 18th with two sessions available each day, one at 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and one at 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. One small class in CPR/AED can save a life. Please contact the Health Services Office at 271-2757 to reserve a spot.

Senator Nancy F. Stiles

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015

The Big E (Eastern States Exposition) opens on September 18th in West Springfield, Massachusetts and runs through October 4th. New Hampshire, and all of the New England states operate a state pavilion on the grounds, featuring the arts, tourism, agriculture and small businesses from the state. The New Hampshire Building is managed by the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food. You are invited to join us at the Big E and one complimentary ticket is available per legislator. The ticket may be picked up at

the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food office at 25 Capitol Street, Concord, New Hampshire. The ticket is valid for any day of the fair. New Hampshire Day is September 25th, with added entertainment and activities throughout the day. Visit www.thebige.com for more information about the Big E.

Senator Sharon M. Carson

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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 2015-1
RSA 15-B:2,V(b)(11),VI; RSA 15-B:6
(August 31, 2015)

Honorariums

The Committee was asked whether a \$100 donation to a charity from a third party in a legislator's name, for participation in a focus group, qualifies as an honorarium that must be reported.

RSA 15-B:2, VI defines an honorarium as "a payment in any form to an elected official ... for an appearance, speech, written article or other document, service as a consultant or advisor, or participation in a discussion group or similar activities." This exception to the general prohibition on the acceptance of gifts under RSA 15-B:3 allows a legislator to accept payment from a third party for performance of the activities specified in RSA 15-B:2, VI relating to his or her duties or position as a legislator.

The Committee determined that although the legislator did not personally receive a payment for participation in the focus group, the intangible honor and recognition of the donation resulting from it being in the legislator's name constitutes a form of payment for his participation. Therefore, the donation is an honorarium and must be reported pursuant to RSA 15-B:6.

Donna Sytek, Chairman
Senator Sharon M. Carson, Vice Chairman
Representative Janet G. Wall
Senator Martha Fuller Clark
Representative David A. Welch
Honorable John A. Graham
Attorney David H. Bradley

For the Committee,
Donna Sytek
Chairman

[Vote: 7-0]

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 13, 2015	First day to file legislation for 2016 Senate Session.
Tuesday, November 03, 2015	Deadline for the Office of Legislative Services to accept drafting of a Senate Bill, Senate Concurrent Resolution, or Senate Joint Resolution with complete information for the 2016 Session.
Wednesday, November 11, 2015	Veterans' Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 26, 2015	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 27, 2015	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Tuesday, December 01, 2015	Deadline for prime sponsors to sign off on legislation.
Tuesday, December 08, 2015	Deadline for co-sponsors to sign off on legislation.
Friday, December 25, 2015	Christmas Day (State Holiday)