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SENATE CALENDAR

THE SENATE WILL CONVENE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.

Pursuant to Part 2, Article 3 of the New Hampshire Constitution, the Senate “shall assemble annually on the first Wednesday following the first Tuesday in January.”

L Aid 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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2015

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Forrester (C), Sen. Little (VC), Sen. Morse, Sen. Reagan, Sen. D'Allesandro, Sen. Hosmer

1:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING RE-REFERRED BILLS

HB 216-FN, relative to recovery of certain investigatory costs by regulatory boards and commissions, and applying certain general administration provisions to the mechanical licensing board.

HB 521, relative to the size of the pool of the workers' compensation appeals board.

SB 27-FN, relative to the department of corrections industries inventory account.

SB 61-FN-A, relative to funding for the New Hampshire agricultural lands program.

SB 138-FN, relative to claims arising from clinical services provided to the department of corrections.

SB 256-FN, authorizing certain expenditures by the department of transportation.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 103, SH

Sen. Boutin (C), Sen. D'Allesandro (VC), Sen. Sanborn, Sen. Morse, Sen. Feltes

9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING RE-REFERRED BILLS

HB 192, relative to the valuation of utility property.

SB 239-FN, relative to application of the Internal Revenue Code to provisions of the business profits tax.

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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

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

1:00 p.m.

Room 303, LOB

Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION (SB 88, Chapter 184:1, Laws of 2015)

1:30 p.m.

Room 101, LOB

Regular Meeting

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

9:30 a.m.

Room 101, LOB

Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE FILM AND TELEVISION COMMISSION (RSA 21-K:23, III)

10:00 a.m.

Department of Cultural Resources
19 Pillsbury Street
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

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

9:30 a.m.

Room 307, LOB

Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO REVIEW CHILD ABUSE FATALITIES (RSA 169-C:39-k)

2:00 p.m.

Room 102, LOB

Subcommittee Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015

JOINT TASK FORCE FOR THE RESPONSE TO THE HEROIN AND OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

FULL TASK FORCE

9:00 a.m.

Rooms 210-211, LOB

Full Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015

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

9:00 a.m.

Rooms 305-307, LOB

Regular Meeting

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

2:00 p.m.

NH Medical Society
7 North State Street
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

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

2:30 p.m. Rooms 305-307, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62)

9:00 a.m. Room 307, LOB Regular Meeting

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

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

10:00 a.m. Room 305, LOB Regular Meeting – Presentation by Dr. Robert MacLeod, CEO, NH Hospital, regarding current status of the Children's Unit at NH Hospital

11:00 a.m. NH Hospital
36 Clinton Street
Concord, NH
Tour of NH Hospital
Transportation Provided

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT (RSA 1430-a)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Business

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a)

9:00 a.m. NH Veterans Home
Tarr South Conference Room
139 Winter Street
Tilton, NH
Regular Meeting

INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E:2)

1:30 p.m. Room 304, LOB Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2015

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 19-A:14)

2:00 p.m. Room 303, LOB Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2015

COMMISSION TO REVIEW CHILD ABUSE FATALITIES (RSA 169-C:39-k)

9:30 a.m. Room 102, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016

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

10:00 a.m. Room 306, LOB Regular Meeting

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

10:00 a.m. DHHS, Brown Building, Room 232
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH
Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2016

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

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

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b)

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

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 19-A:14)

2:00 p.m. Room 303, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016

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

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

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

1:00 p.m. Rooms 303, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016

NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (RSA 125-Q)

1:30 p.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

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2015 REREFERRED BILLS IN COMMITTEE:

SENATE BILLS: 4, 27, 59, 61, 100, 109, 127, 129, 138, 140, 147, 184, 193, 197, 210, 226, 237, 239, 256, 257, 263

HOUSE BILLS: 141, 192, 195, 216, 285, 380, 383, 458, 521, 560, 593, 606, 613, 628, 645

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2015 REREFERRED BILLS REPORT FILED:

SENATE BILLS: 3, 18, 25, 26, 66, 89, 121, 128, 131, 150, 152, 158, 165, 175, 177, 198, 206, 224, 246, 260

HOUSE BILLS: 331, 346, 353, 427, 463, 502, 529, 555, 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: 25, 115, 138, 157, 203, 210, 214, 227, 238, 239, 256, 260, 265

HOUSE BILLS: 216, 380, 521, 593, 628

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NOTICES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016

Sheehan Phinney Capitol Group will be hosting the annual Welcome Back Reception for all House and Senate members and staff on Wednesday, January 6th, at Tandy's Top Shelf Restaurant, One Eagle Square (directly across the street from the State House) following the close of session, or at 3:00 p.m. should the session end early.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader

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LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

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

**Advisory Opinion 2015-4
Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion
from Senate Legal Counsel Richard J. Lehmann
on Behalf of Senator Gary L. Daniels
(December 1, 2015)**

Senate Legal Counsel Richard J. Lehmann has submitted a request for an Advisory Opinion on behalf of Senator Gary L. Daniels about whether, consistent with applicable statutes and the Ethics Guidelines, Senator Daniels may accept payment of the costs of travel, lodging, and meals related to attendance at an event.

According to the information submitted by Attorney Lehmann, Senator Daniels has been invited to attend an event in Philadelphia on December 11-13, 2015, which will be focused on policies that governments and corporations can use to attract and retain veterans of the United States armed forces as employees. The event will consist of seminars concerning these topics, as well as a tour of the Technology Lab at the Comcast Center.

Based on the information provided by Attorney Lehmann about the event's purpose and activities, the event, as described, qualifies as a bona fide conference, meeting, seminar or educational program. See Interpretive Ruling 2013-1.

Accordingly, the Committee advises that acceptance of payment for expenses associated with attendance at the event qualifies for the exemption from the prohibition on "Gifts" under RSA 15-B:3, as "Expense Reimbursement" under RSA 15-B:5.

Senator Daniels must report his acceptance of the complimentary travel, lodging, and meals in accordance with RSA 15-B:6.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

Honorable 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,
Honorable Donna Sytek
Chairman

[Vote: 7-0]

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Friday, December 25, 2015	Christmas Day (State Holiday)
Friday, January 01, 2016	New Year's Day (State Holiday)
Wednesday, January 06, 2016	Convening Day
Monday, January 18, 2016	Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day (State Holiday)
Monday, February 15, 2016	Presidents' Day (State Holiday)
Monday, May 30, 2016	Memorial Day (State Holiday)
Monday, July 04, 2016	Independence Day (State Holiday)
Monday, September 05, 2016	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 11, 2016	Veterans' Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 24, 2016	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 25, 2016	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Monday, December 26, 2016	Christmas Day (State Holiday)