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**First Year of the 166th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court**

SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION FOR CONVENING DAY ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M. AND WILL MEET IN
JOINT CONVENTION WITH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION FOR INAUGURATION DAY
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019 AT 11:00 A.M. AND WILL MEET IN JOINT
CONVENTION WITH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

HEARINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 102, LOB

Sen. Levesque (C), Sen. Sherman (VC), Sen. Morgan, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Gray

PRESENTATIONS

10:00 a.m.	Secretary of State's Office
10:15 a.m.	The Association of Counties
10:30 a.m.	NH Municipal Association

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018

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

9:30 a.m.	NH DRA, Training Room 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019

COMMISSION ON DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS (RSA 4-C:37)

9:00 a.m.	Room 307, LOB	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

10:00 a.m.	Rooms 202-204, LOB	Regular Meeting
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STATE COMMITTEE ON AGING (RSA 161-F:7, I)

10:00 a.m.	NH DHHS Brown Building, Room 232 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (RSA 228:107)

6:30 p.m.	Dover City Hall Auditorium, 2nd Floor 288 Central Avenue Dover, NH	Public Hearing to receive public comment on proposed privatization of the Dover and Portsmouth Bus Terminal.
7:00 p.m.	Dover City Hall Auditorium, 2nd Floor 288 Central Avenue Dover, NH	Public Hearing to receive public comment on proposed development of the Spaulding Turnpike Service Area. Regular Meeting immediately following public comment session.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CURRENT STATUTES RELATED TO MANAGEMENT OF NON-TIDAL PUBLIC WATERWAYS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF STRUCTURES WITHIN THEM (RSA 482-A:35)

10:00 a.m.	Room 301, LOB	Organizational Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOUSE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION (RSA 17-R:1)

10:00 a.m.	Room 307, LOB	Regular Meeting
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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PREGNANCY AND LACTATION (RSA 275:77)

12:00 p.m.	Room 304, LOB	Regular Meeting
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COMMISSION TO ADDRESS CHILD HUNGER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 161:13)

2:00 p.m.	Room 304, LOB	Regular Meeting
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

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

1:00 p.m.	NH Technical Institute Sweeney Crocker Building Room 234 Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019

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
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COMMISSION TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND FUTURE OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE GRANITE ADVANTAGE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM (RSA 126-AA:4)

1:00 p.m.	Rooms 302-304, LOB	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (RSA 125-Q)

1:30 p.m.	Room 306, LOB	Regular Meeting
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NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4)

2:30 p.m.	Kimball-Jenkins Carriage House 266 North Main Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019

OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES (RSA 170-G:19)

8:30 a.m.

Rooms 206-208, LOB

Regular Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019

COMMISSION TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND FUTURE OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE GRANITE ADVANTAGE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM (RSA 126-AA:4)

1:00 p.m.

Rooms 302-304, LOB

Regular Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

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

1:30 p.m.

Room 204, LOB

Regular Meeting

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NOTICES

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Proposed Amendment to the Ethics Guidelines

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on August 29, 2018, voted 5-0 to propose the following amendment to the Ethics Guidelines. In accordance with RSA 14-B:3, II, the Committee respectfully requests that the Senate and House vote to approve the proposed amendment.

Legislative Ethics Committee

Explanation: Matter added to the current guidelines appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from the current guidelines appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~

ETHICS GUIDELINES

2 DEFINITIONS.

III. "Expense Reimbursement" shall mean any price, charge, fee, expense, or other cost which is waived, forgiven, reduced, prepaid, or reimbursed in any form for the reasonable expenses of attendance, registration, travel, meals, or lodging related to a bona fide conference, meeting, seminar, or educational, cultural, or informational program. ***"Expense reimbursement" shall not include any expense reimbursement made by the general court to a legislator, legislative officer, or legislative employee.***

IV. "Gift" shall mean:

(b) Any other tangible thing, intangible thing, service, or the use thereof having an individual value of greater than \$50. ***For purposes of this section, "service" shall not include acceptance of legal services on an individual basis when the legislator enters into an attorney-client relationship with the attorney for the purposes of addressing a complaint or petition if the attorney is not a registered lobbyist.***

3 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

III. Legislators shall not:

(h) Violate any policy or rule adopted by the House or Senate relating to the conduct of individuals in the performance of their duties as members of the legislature. ***"Rule" means any rule adopted pursuant to RSA 14-B and shall not include any rule of proceeding adopted by the house of representatives or the senate.***

4 PERMITTED ACTIVITIES; PERMITTED GIFTS.

I. Nothing in section 3, Prohibited Activities, shall be construed to prohibit the following:

(e) Acceptance of expense reimbursement for the reasonable expenses for attendance, registration, travel, meals, and lodging related to a bona fide conference, meeting, seminar, or educational, cultural, or informational program related to the legislator's office so long as disclosure of any such reimbursement is made no later than the last day of the month following the month during which the expense reimbursement was received. This disclosure shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in the form prescribed in RSA 14-C. ***This provision shall not be construed to require reporting of an expense reimbursement made by the general court to a legislator.***

II. The following shall not be considered gifts for the purposes of these Guidelines:

(j) An expense reimbursement, ***including any expense reimbursement made by the general court to a legislator, legislative officer, or legislative employee.***

~~{(m) Monetary or non-monetary awards or recognition issued under the suggestion and extraordinary service award program under RSA 99-E.}~~

8 LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT.

III. Permitted Activities. The activities listed in this paragraph are permitted.

(c) Acceptance of expense reimbursement for the reasonable expenses for attendance, registration, travel, meals, and lodging related to a bona fide conference, meeting, seminar, or educational, cultural, or informational program related to the legislative employee's or officer's employment so long as disclosure of any such reimbursement is made no later than the last day of the month following the month during which the expense reimbursement was received. This disclosure shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in a form prescribed in RSA 14-C. ***This provision shall not be construed to require reporting of an expense reimbursement made by the general court to a legislative employee or officer.***

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The Internal Revenue Service has set the standard mileage rate for 2019 at fifty-eight cents (\$0.58) per mile. The federal mileage reimbursement rate for members of the NH Senate increases from fifty-four and one-half cents (\$0.545) per mile to fifty-eight cents (\$0.58) per mile for all miles incurred on or after January 1, 2019.

Senator Dan Feltes, Senate Majority Leader

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LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Required Disclosure Filing

Copies of the "2019 Financial Disclosure Form," have recently been mailed or distributed to each member of the Senate. Please return your form to Rich Lambert in Room 112 of the State House. All legislators and legislative officers are required to complete and file the form with the Legislative Ethics Committee no later than January 18, 2019.

Senator Donna M. Soucy, Senate President

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019 - THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019

Legislative number plates will be issued Wednesday, January 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Room 101 of the Legislative Office Building. Please bring your valid ID and the current, valid registration of each vehicle that will carry legislative plates. Photocopies will not be accepted. Up to two sets (four plates) are available at \$9.00 per set. Acceptable forms of payment are cash or checks made payable to "State of NH – DMV."

Legislative photo ID cards for members and staff will be taken Wednesday, January 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Legislative Office Building.

Representatives from the State Motor Vehicle Division will also be available Thursday, January 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for legislators and staff who could not make it on Wednesday.

Senator Donna M. Soucy, Senate President

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

All Senators and Senate staff are cordially invited to attend the "Meet the Legislators" reception hosted by the Business and Industry Association, New Hampshire's statewide chamber of commerce. The reception will take place at the Barley House (Lower Level) 132 N. Main Street in Concord, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 10, 2019. The reception is complimentary to all Senators and staff, but the BIA is requesting advance registration to assist in planning for the event. You can RSVP online at www.BIAofNH.com. Click on the events calendar for January 10. You may also call the BIA at 224-5388, ext. 100.

Senator Dan Feltes, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Chuck W. Morse, Senate Minority Leader

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019

Citizens Count, NH's nonpartisan nonprofit with a mission of making citizen engagement easier, cordially invites all House and Senate members and staff to a reception in the State House cafeteria on Thursday, January 31st, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. where breakfast will be served. Chat with the organization's analysts and learn about the helpful tools Citizens Count provides to make it easier for legislators and citizens to connect, learn, and discuss the issues.

Senator Martha Fuller Clark

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019

The New Hampshire Association for Justice cordially invites all legislators and staff for an informational breakfast on Thursday, February 14th at 8:00 a.m. in the Statehouse cafeteria.

Senator Donna M. Soucy, Senate President

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 25, 2018	Christmas Day (State Holiday)
Monday, January 1, 2019	New Year's Day (State Holiday)
Wednesday, January 2, 2019	Convening Day
Thursday, January 3, 2019	Inauguration Day

Friday, January 4, 2019
 Friday, January 11, 2019
 Monday, January 21, 2019
 Monday, February 18, 2019
 Monday, February 25, 2019 –
 Friday, March 1, 2019
 Thursday, March 7, 2019

 Thursday, March 28, 2019
 Thursday, May 16, 2019

 Monday, May 27, 2019
 Thursday, June 6, 2019
 Thursday, June 13, 2019
 Thursday, June 20, 2019
 Thursday, June 27, 2019
 Thursday, July 4, 2019
 Monday, September 2, 2019
 Monday, November 11, 2019
 Thursday, November 28, 2019
 Friday, November 29, 2019
 Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Deadline for prime sponsors to sign off on legislation.
 Deadline for co-sponsors to sign off on legislation.
 Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day (State Holiday)
 President's Day (State Holiday)

SENATE BREAK

Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate bills with a
 fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
 CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.
 Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a
 fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
 Memorial Day (State Holiday)
 Deadline to ACT on all House bills.
 Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.
 Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.
 Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.
 Independence Day (State Holiday)
 Labor Day (State Holiday)
 Veterans' Day (State Holiday)
 Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
 Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
 Christmas Day (State Holiday)