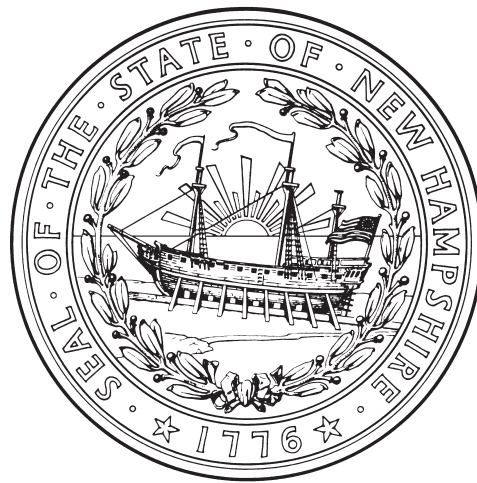


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June 27, 2019

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

The committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly Enrolled the following entitled House and/or Senate Bills:

HB 611-FN, allowing voters to vote by absentee ballot.

Senator Soucy moved adoption of the Report of Committee on Enrolled Bills. Adopted.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):

HB 105-FN, relative to domicile residency, voter registration, and investigation of voter verification letters.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):

HB 106, relative to the terms "resident," "inhabitant," "residence," and "residency."

HB 109-FN, requiring background checks for commercial firearms sales.

HB 183, (Second New Title) establishing a committee to study the applications of microgrids in New Hampshire and changes in law necessary to allow for microgrids in electrical supply, and relative to baseload renewable generation credits for biomass energy facilities.

HB 198-FN, (New Title) clarifying the prohibition against the use of mobile electronic devices while driving.

HB 211, relative to inquiries by prospective employers concerning salary history.

HB 292-FN, relative to including brokers fees in the calculation of the insurance premium tax.

HB 293, relative to employee credit privacy.

HB 326, relative to the definition of prime wetland.

HB 349, relative to a second opinion on health care matters for state and county prisoners.

HB 365, relative to net energy metering limits for customer generators.

HB 409, relative to the maximum optional fee for transportation improvements charged by municipalities when collecting motor vehicle registration fees.

HB 446, relative to initiating amendments and corrections to birth records.

HB 504, relative to election-related amendments to the United States Constitution.

HB 514-FN, imposing a waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a firearm.

HB 564, (New Title) relative to possession of firearms on school property.

HB 582-FN, relative to the regional greenhouse gas initiative cap and trade program for controlling carbon dioxide emissions.

HB 587, relative to organ donation on a driver's license.

HB 611-FN, allowing voters to vote by absentee ballot.

HB 645-FN, establishing a dock registration procedure.

HB 664-FN, relative to vehicle repair standards.

HB 696-FN, establishing a protective order for vulnerable adults.

HB 706-FN-A, establishing an independent redistricting commission.

Out of Recess. Call the Senate to Order.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM LATE SESSION

Senator Feltes moved that the Senate adjourn from the Late Session.

Adopted. Adjournment from the Late Session.

SENATE JOURNAL 22

September 19, 2019

The Senate reconvened at 10:00 a.m., a quorum being present.

The Reverend Jon Hopkins, chaplain to the Senate, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

We pray today for the New Hampshire State Senate. We thank you for their service to our state, give them a true servant's spirit, give them strength to do what is right and good for all people. Let integrity and honesty guide every decision they have to make. Turn their heart from distractions and temptations that could bring harm rather than to help our lives, our families, and the people they serve. Make them leaders in every respect, morally and spiritually strong. Enlighten their mind with the sermon wisdom and fairness, when they are tempted to embrace arrogant power rather than humble service give them an undivided heart. Give them accountability to the people they serve. Bless them with joy when justice, righteousness and goodness prevail, but give them a heart that weeps for injustice and sorrows around them. Remember today George Washington's final words to our country, in order for our government to be efficient and permanent, we need unity and a government for the whole is indispensable. Amen.

Senator Morse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

PRESIDENT SOUCY: You will notice that we have a lit candle here at the podium today. It's a tradition that the Senate has carried on for former Senators that have passed away. And today we honor former colleague, Senator Robert Flanders, who passed away on August 28th of 2019. And I'd like to recognize Senator Morse if you would to say a few words.

SENATOR MORSE: Thank you, Madam President. I can tell you it was truly an honor to serve with Senator Bob Flanders. Senator Bob Flanders was born in Goffstown. He spent his youth in Weare, where he walked a mile to his one-room school in rubber boots and uphill both ways, just like my mother used to tell me. He later moved to Henniker where he graduated from high school and attended New England College. In 1958 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and spent the next three years in the military police stationed in Germany. After his discharge he began a lengthy career in insurance industry, retiring in 2000 as Assistant Vice President or Workers Compensation for AIG. Always committed to community service. He served in Antrim as a member of the police department, the Board of Selectmen, and the Contoocook Valley School Board, elected moderator in 1971, he held that office for forty-one years. Immediately after retirement, he was elected to the New Hampshire Senate from District 7 where he represented constituents for three terms. Senator Bob Flanders was a true statesman and he loved his family. He met his wife Alissa May at a barn dance in Henniker. They lived together in a small town of Antrim, but he often spoke about his camp and he was particularly proud about the fact the camp had no running water. He always slept with the windows open even in the cold New Hampshire winters. He loved his boxers, he had an infectious laugh, he loved serving in the New Hampshire Senate, and he loved the state of New Hampshire. Bob will be truly missed and never forgotten. God Bless Senator Flanders and his family. Thank you, Madam President.

(The Chair recognized Senator D'Allesandro.)

SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Madam President. I served with Bob Flanders here in the Senate. And Bob Flanders was just a good guy. A really good guy and we worked in a very bipartisan manner. And the great story Bob told me was this; I had my gambling bill as we always have, my gambling bill comes up. I said, "Bob, I need your vote. Got to have your vote on the bill. We've got to get it passed." Flanders said to me, "Lou, my wife's opposed. And I sleep with my wife every night. I've got to be against the bill." Honesty, honesty, honesty. But a public servant that lived out in Antrim. How many of you've been to Antrim? It is, the old site of Hawthorne College, and a very interesting place, very interesting place. And Bob served his town well, served his community well, and served his constituents well when he was in the Senate. Always had a smile, always had a good word, always willing to talk to you and I think that was really the hallmark of his congeniality. Whenever we lose anybody it's a loss, and we like to think that they will be remembered for the good things that they did and the legacy that they leave is that other people will follow in their footsteps and

follow that same path. He just was an honest guy, an ordinary guy, a real New Hampshire fellow, that carried with him New Hampshire values. But truly an outstanding American and he served his country well in the service and did a lot of good things, so we'll remember Bob Flanders for his work in the Senate but most important, he was a good friend and a good guy. You know, a good guy. That seems like that's harder and harder to say as time goes on. A lot of the good guys are gone. But he was a good, good guy and as Senator Morse points out, it wasn't easy for him. It wasn't easy for him growing up. Henniker, the only Henniker in the whole world, and nobody knows where it is. But it's Henniker. And he went to NEC, New England College, which was created for veterans, you know created for veterans because they couldn't get in any place else. So, they created an institution in Henniker for veterans. He went there and as I said, good guy, well met, let's remember him as the kind of guy that New Hampshire produces and has a very, very positive effect of the people he was associated with. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SOUCY. Thank you, Senator D'Allesandro. And I would ask all of you to reflect on the life of Senator Flanders, those who served with him, those who knew him. And as I said we honor him today by burning a candle in his memory.

On that note though, I think it's also important to always talk about the celebration of life. So, I would like to begin by congratulating Bobby Collins on the birth of his daughter, Nellie Collins. She was born on Saturday August 17th and I don't know if Bobby's gotten any sleep since then, but he looks good. Congratulations to you and your family.

And also, not here with us today because she more recently had a baby, our own Shannon Girard. We congratulate her on the birth of her daughter Camille Marie Girard on Tuesday, September 10th.

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Senator Morse introduced Joesph Friel and Kyle Duffy from Timberlane Regional High School in Plaistow, serving as Senate Pages for the day.

SPECIAL ORDER

Without objection, SB 10 is special ordered to after the Enrolled Bill Amendment. Adopted.

Recess. Out of recess.

President Pro Tempore Fuller Clark presiding.

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENT

Senator Soucy moved adoption of the Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 226.

June 25, 2019
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Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 226

The Committee on Enrolled Bills to which was referred HB 226

AN ACT relative to the renomination of teachers.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Explanation to Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 226

This enrolled bill amendment makes a technical correction.

Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 226

Amend section 1 of the bill by inserting after line 2 the following:

189:14-a Failure to be Renominated or Reelected.

Amend the bill by deleting section 2 of the bill and renumbering the remaining sections 3 and 4 to read as 2 and 3, respectively.

The question is on the adoption of the Enrolled Bill Amendment. Adopted.

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENT

(The chair recognized Senator Soucy.)

SENATOR SOUCY: Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I rise to speak to the issue of the amendment on House Bill 315 that is published in your calendar. Because of the actions of the House on House Bill 105, they sustained the Governor's veto, that enrolled bills amendment is no longer necessary, that is the reason we wouldn't be taking it up. Thank you.

Without objection, the Clerk shall read the title of the Veto Message only. Adopted.

VETO MESSAGE

August 9, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 10

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on August 9th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 10, relative to the state minimum hourly rate.

This bill would have a detrimental effect on not only the very Granite Staters it purports to help, but also the New Hampshire Advantage. Today in New Hampshire, more people are working than ever before. We have the lowest poverty rate, one of the lowest unemployment rates, and some of the highest wages in the country. Our economy is booming. In 2018, only 0.0015% of Granite Staters earned a minimum wage or less, and of that almost 90% were tipped employees.

Meanwhile, according to studies, other states and cities that have artificially raised the minimum wage have seen take-home pay decline because minimum wage workers have their hours cut or their jobs eliminated. In Seattle, according to research published by the National Bureau of Economic Research, employees in low-wage jobs saw hours worked decrease by around 9 percent, resulting in total payroll for such jobs decreasing by an average of \$125 per month per job in 2016. The Wall Street Journal recently reported that businesses in New York City are "cutting staff, eliminating work shifts, and raising prices" after the \$15 minimum wage went into effect. In Maryland, research commissioned by a Montgomery County commissioner indicated that increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour would result in an aggregate loss of \$396.5 million in the county by 2022. A law can force an employer to pay a minimum wage, but it cannot force an employer to hire or retain a worker at that wage.

While our current economic boom means that New Hampshire has more open positions than unemployed workers, the next recession or economic slowdown will eventually occur, and the impact of these labor cost increase will cause real harm to those workers, usually young people, who cannot create enough value to warrant the higher mandated wage. They will remain unemployed, losing the ability to grow their skills, move forward in life, and advance their careers. The New Hampshire Restaurant and Lodging Association has made clear that SB10 will cost jobs because it includes tipped employees. This will make the state far less able to compete with our neighbors in this highly competitive industry.

Advocates of SB10 seem to think that the government can raise the price of labor without reducing the amount of workers that will be hired. I will not be the Governor that signs a bill that will lead to lost jobs, cut hours, and less money in the pockets of hard working Granite Staters. There is nothing positive about reducing a worker's chances of getting a job. New Hampshire's economy is booming, and I will do everything in my power to ensure we continue that trend, not hinder it.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 10 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

Recess. Out of recess.

President Soucy presiding.

VETO MESSAGE

May 9, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 1

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on May 9, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1, relative to family and medical leave.

Senate Bill 1 is an income tax that neither I nor the people of New Hampshire will ever support. I have proposed a paid family medical leave plan that will work – one that is voluntary, affordable and income tax free. That is the New Hampshire way.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 1-FN become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

August 9, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 2

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on August 9th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 2, relative to funding for job training programs in the department of business and economic affairs.

Senate Bill 2 irresponsibly diverts millions of dollars from the Unemployment Trust Fund, triggering additional taxes for our citizens. Raiding the unemployment system for this purpose is shortsighted, risky, and financially irresponsible. I strongly support workforce programs, and have put forward several proposals to address the State's workforce issues including a \$16 million per year student debt assistance and worker retention program and a \$24 million investment into Nursing and STEM programs across the University System. Rather than move forward with these innovative proposals, the legislature has once again put aside sound financial management and opted for tax increases. I cannot support that approach.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 2-FN become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.
Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 10, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 18

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 10, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 18, relative to authorized employee wage deductions.

In June 2018, the United States Supreme Court ruled, in Janus v AFSCME, that public sector employees have a constitutional right to decline to pay fees to unions to which they do not belong. This ruling restored power and fairness back to workers, putting them back in control of their careers.

Senate Bill 18 undercuts these worker rights by implementing an arbitrary 30 day waiting period during which time a union could continue to garnish an employees' wages. Continuing the payroll deduction for a month after a worker has chosen not to continue union membership falls outside the spirit of the Janus ruling and could potentially expose the state, counties and municipalities to litigation.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 18.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 18 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

June 25, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding SB 20

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on June 25th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 20, relative to notification requirements for employees, workplace inspections, and the youth employment law.

Now is not the time to add further restrictions on employers or reduce flexibility for young workers. Safeguarding the health and wellbeing of Granite State employees remains paramount and they should continue to be empowered to make responsible employment choices that work for them.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 20 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

August 16, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 67

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on August 16th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 67, relative to the definitions of resident and residency.

This bill would undermine House Bill 1264, a bill I signed in 2018 which put every voter in New Hampshire on equal footing by making all those who vote in New Hampshire subject to the same legal requirements. New Hampshire now aligns with virtually every other state in requiring residency in order to vote. House Bill 1264 restored equality and fairness to our elections, and the Supreme Court ruled the bill is constitutional while affirming that New Hampshire had a compelling state interest in seeing the bill enacted. Senate Bill 67 would take us back to the days of unequal treatment of voters. Allowing that to happen would be a dereliction of my duty to uphold the provisions of our State Constitution that mandate equal protection under the law.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 67.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 67 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 10, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 68

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 10th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 68, relative to the centralized voter registration database.

Protecting the privacy of our statewide voter database is of paramount importance. Voters need to have confidence that when they share confidential information, it remains confidential. Otherwise, we erode the trust that voters have in our electoral system. If people believe that their personal, confidential information is at risk of public disclosure, they are more likely to have their information removed from the voter rolls and avoid voting altogether.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 68.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 68 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

June 25, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 72

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on June 25th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 72, relative to issuance of renewable energy certificates.

This bill will increase costs to electric ratepayers related to Renewable Portfolio Standard compliance. The Public Utilities Commission voiced concerns about this bill during each of its hearings; these concerns were never addressed by an amendment. Our focus should be to fix the credit mechanism in the law, not repeal it at the expense of New Hampshire ratepayers, many of whom already struggle to pay electricity rates that are among the highest in the nation.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 72.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 72 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 12, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 74

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 12th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 74, relative to register of deeds fees used to support the land and community heritage investment program (LCHIP), and establishing a committee to study the economic impact of land conservation and to review the LCHIP surcharge.

The Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) is a great program that continues to benefit local communities across the state. This bill would have been better suited to offer a voluntary opt-in, rather than move forward with a mandatory fee increase that adds costs at closing onto homebuyers, and I hope such an option is taken up in the future.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 74.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 74-FN-A become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Watters, Hennessey, Ward, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman.

The following Senators voted No: Gray, French, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse, Soucy.

Roll Call, Yeas: 17 - Nays: 7. Veto overridden by necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 12, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 88

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 12th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 88, relative to registry identification cards under the use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes law.

Maintaining a strong patient-provider relationship is an important part of ensuring that our medical marijuana program is used successfully and responsibly. A doctor or other health care provider uses their knowledge and relationship with a patient to explore the right treatment options for that individual. The exemptions in the current statute allow for patients in need to obtain appropriate treatment while preserving responsible prescribing.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 88.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 88-FN become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Bradley, Watters, Hennessey, French, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, Reagan, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Gray, Ward, Carson, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 17 - Nays: 7. Veto overridden by necessary 2/3 vote.

Recess. Out of recess.

VETO MESSAGE

September 6, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 99

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on September 6th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 99, relative to gainful employment and partial disability in workers' compensation.

New Hampshire's current workers' compensation laws allow for compensation for injured employees while encouraging the return to the workforce. Research shows that transition from disability back to work provides significant benefits to employee outcomes. This bill redefines gainful employment to require similar pay. This was not part of any past consideration, and it will likely result in additional costs to the workers compensation system. These costs would likely be passed on to our business owners through their annual workers compensation premium.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 99.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 99-FN become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 19, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 100

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 19th, 2019 I have vetoed Senate Bill 100, relative to discrimination in employment based on criminal background checks.

This bill would generally prohibit public and private employers from inquiring about an applicant's criminal history on an application for employment, and would instead require that such inquiries be made in person or by phone. In addition, this bill would generally prohibit a public or private employer from conducting a criminal background check on an applicant prior to an initial interview. Exceptions for these prohibitions would be available in limited circumstances.

I very much appreciate the bill's goal of providing individuals who have a criminal record or a troubled past with a path toward becoming productive members of society. However, even such a laudable goal does not justify forcing a business to interview applicants that the business may not wish to interview based on the applicant's own past actions and choices. Each individual business should have the right to determine whether to inquire about the criminal records of potential applicants at any step of the application process. Efforts to convince businesses to give applicants with criminal records a chance in the hiring process are more appropriately advanced through education and persuasion, rather than a government mandate.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 100.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 100 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, French, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, Reagan, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, Ward, Carson, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 16 - Nays: 8. Veto overridden by necessary 2/3 vote.

Recess. Out of recess.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Levesque introduced her brother, Attorney Mark Perkins, visiting on the senate floor.

VETO MESSAGE

July 10, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 106

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 10, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 106, relative to the definition of political advocacy organization.

This bill would force organizations who seek to foster discussion on important issues of the day to register as a political advocacy organization. Registration would be required even if the organization does not expressly advocate the success or defeat of a candidate in an election. Such an expansion of government regulation of speech is unnecessary and would have a chilling effect on our citizens' rights to advocate for and support causes which are important to them.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 106.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 106 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Bradley, Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 15 - Nays: 9. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 10, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 140

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 10th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 140, relative to credit for alternative, extended learning, and work-based programs.

New Hampshire has a long and distinguished history of education innovation that has served our students, families, and communities well. Learn Everywhere is the next step on this path to innovation and this bill effectively repeals it. My firm belief is that all students can find success when we put them in the right environment, inside or outside of a classroom. Programs like Learn Everywhere continue this legacy by enabling creative and innovative learning experiences for all of our public school students. Senate Bill 140 would restrict the ability of parents to seek out educational alternatives. We should be expanding alternatives for New Hampshire students, not reducing them.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 140.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 140 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

June 25, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 145

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on June 25th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 145, relative to the organization of alternative treatment centers.

This bill will allow our state's Alternative Treatment Centers (ATC's) to operate as for-profit companies. This would incentivize out-of-state special interests to acquire equity in New Hampshire ATC's. Although I remain supportive of medical marijuana, this bill would represent too great of a step towards the dangerous path of industrial commercialization of the marijuana industry in New Hampshire.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 145.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 145 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, Reagan, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 15 - Nays: 9. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

June 25, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 146

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on June 25th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 146, relative to eliminating the waiting period before eligibility to receive unemployment benefits.

This bill would negatively impact the balance of the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. New Hampshire currently has a healthy fund balance and among the lowest unemployment rates in the nation. However, in a down economy, we need to be able to provide necessary services. Additionally, 44 other States and Territories have a waiting week for unemployment compensation. This bill would make New Hampshire inconsistent with best practices from across the country. Finally, while well-intentioned, this bill adds costs that make the system less sustainable and less able to respond in times of need.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 146.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 146-FN become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 12, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 148

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 12, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 148, relative to notification to public employees regarding their right to join or not join a union.

Ensuring that public employees are informed of their options related to union membership is important. However, the other provisions laid out in this bill are items that should be negotiated through the collective bargaining process rather than enacted into law through the legislative process.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 148.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 148 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Giuda, Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Carson, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 16 - Nays: 8. Veto overridden by necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

June 25, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 151

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on June 25th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 151, establishing an administrative hearing procedure and penalty for an employer who fails to make payment of wages or who fails to secure workers' compensation coverage.

This bill is a well-intentioned attempt to ensure that employers follow labor law related to payment of wages and worker's compensation coverage. However, it minimizes due process that is important in limiting potential government overreach. It is prudent to leave existing procedures in place.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 151.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 151-FN become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 10, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 156

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 10th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 156, relative to political contributions made by limited liability companies.

This bill would require only those limited liability companies (LLC) that chose to engage in First Amendment protected political speech to disclose the identity, address, and individuals' shares of ownership of the LLC. This compelled disclosure would chill LLCs and their members from exercising their first amendment rights. Courts have found such chilling of political speech to be unconstitutional. Further, as the first in the nation primary state, we should not be stifling participation in civic discourse.

Senate Bill 156 would also have a detrimental effect on business development in New Hampshire. The bill would discourage the formation or maintenance of an LLC in New Hampshire because it would force the LLC to choose between maintaining the confidentiality of its members and their percentage of ownership and exercising the LLC's right to make political speech.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 156.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 156 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

August 2, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 167

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on August 2nd, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 167, establishing a clean energy resource procurement commission.

This bill creates a commission with a single unveiled goal: to have New Hampshire follow Massachusetts and Connecticut into government mandated long-term energy contracts. I am committed to protecting rate-payers against higher energy costs. This bill would open the door to increased costs for decades to come.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 167.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 167-FN become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 19, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 168

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 19th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 168, relative to class 2 obligations under the electric renewable portfolio standards.

This bill is crony capitalism at its worst. This bill comes directly from the solar lobby to boost their profits while forcing higher costs onto ratepayers. The goal set forward in this bill is unattainable in such a short time period. The result of failing to reach the unattainable goal will be a \$30 million annual penalty to all ratepayers, including seniors and those on fixed incomes because of higher Renewable Energy Credit prices.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 168.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 168 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.
Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 12, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 196

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 12th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 196, relative to non-academic surveys administered by a public school to its students.

For students to be successful in education, all of the research shows that we must support the students and their families. Last year, the Legislature worked to increase parental involvement in the use of non-academic surveys which seek to gather sensitive student and family information. SB 196 would remove this common-sense requirement that parents give permission for students to take these surveys. We should be expanding parental involvement in schools, not reducing it.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 196.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 196 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Dietsch, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 13 - Nays: 11. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

Recess. Out of recess.

VETO MESSAGE

July 19, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 205

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 19th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 205, relative to energy efficiency programs funded from the systems benefits charge and the duties and members of the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board.

This bill extends the portion of the systems benefits charge that does not require legislative approval to increase. The legislature enacted this provision in 2018 with a sole exception to be grandfathered in. This bill opens the floodgates and removes legislative authority over future increases to the systems benefits charge to fund the Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS). The systems benefits charge is a tax hidden within an electric bill. The legislature should not abdicate its responsibility to unelected officials at the Public Utilities Commission.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 205.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 205 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 10, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 218

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 10th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 218, relative to duties of the commissioner of transportation regarding air navigation facilities.

This bill is a well-intentioned attempt to establish NH Department of Transportation's regulatory authority over small drones. Unfortunately, we have heard technical concerns related to discrepancies between state and federal law. If we are making noncompliance with federal regulations a violation of state law, we should be certain that all technical issues are worked out. We should take more time to improve this bill and come back to it next year.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 218.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 218 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 19, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 271

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 19th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 271, relative to requiring prevailing wages on state-funded public works projects.

In the midst of a booming economy with record low unemployment, the last thing we should do is reduce competition in our construction markets. New Hampshire already has some of the highest wages in the country, and this bill would unnecessarily raise the costs on New Hampshire taxpayers for government projects. The cost and administrative burden on employers would lead to less competition for government contracts, higher taxes, and poorer outcomes for New Hampshire.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 271.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 271-FN-L become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.
Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

June 25, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 275

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on June 25th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 275, requiring that all of the state's motor vehicles will be zero emissions vehicles by the year 2039.

This bill would require the entire state vehicle fleet transition to zero emission vehicles by 2039, with deadlines for light duty cars as soon as 2026. The fiscal note estimates a \$28 million cost impact to state agency budgets in the form of higher vehicle costs. The State of New Hampshire is already making great strides in this and should not set arbitrary deadlines that will unnecessarily drive up taxpayer costs.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 275.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 275-FN become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 10, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 307

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 10, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 307, relative to outdoor lighting.

This bill is an overly prescriptive attempt to regulate streetlight purchases by state agencies. The Department of Transportation has already adjusted its standard to match that which is specified in the bill. Under this bill, minor adjustments to streetlights would require an act of the general court. The State of New Hampshire needs to be more nimble than that to address future technology changes. Furthermore, the PUC is already able to address these issues through ongoing dockets.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 307.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 307-FN become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to override the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):

HB 364, (New Title) permitting qualifying patients and designated caregivers to cultivate cannabis for therapeutic use and permitting qualifying patients and designated caregivers to donate excess cannabis to other qualifying patients.

August 2, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 364

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on August 2nd, 2019, I have vetoed House Bill 364, permitting qualifying patients and designated caregivers to cultivate cannabis for therapeutic use and permitting qualifying patients and designated caregivers to donate excess cannabis to other qualifying patients.

New Hampshire has reasonable regulations set up to ensure that our therapeutic cannabis program responsibly treats those in need while limiting the diversion of marijuana to the black market and ensuring that products meet public health standards. This bill would bypass those public health and safety guardrails and make the job of law enforcement significantly more difficult. Furthermore, it could serve to undermine the protections we have built within the Alternative Treatment Center system by making those facilities less sustainable.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 364.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall HB 364 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, French, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Reagan, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, Ward, Carson, Cavanaugh, Birdsell, D'Allesandro, Morse, Soucy.

Roll Call, Yeas: 13 - Nays: 11. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

AMENDMENT TO SENATE RULE 7-1

Senator Feltes moved to amend Senate Rule 7-1, with the amendment provided here today.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SENATE RULE 7-1

Amend Senate Rule 7-1 by inserting after (k) with the following:

7-1 Deadlines

- (l) Wednesday, October 16, 2019 – First day to FILE legislation.
- (m) Wednesday, October 30, 2019 – 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 2020 Session.
- (n) Wednesday, December 04, 2019 – Deadline for prime sponsors to sign off on legislation.
- (o) Wednesday, December 11, 2019 – Deadline for co-sponsors to sign off on legislation.
- (p) Thursday, December 19, 2019 – Deadline to REPORT rereferred bills out of committee.
- (q) Monday, February 24, 2020 – Friday, February 28, 2020: SENATE BREAK.
- (r) Thursday, March 05, 2020 – Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
- (s) Thursday, March 26, 2020 – CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.

(t) Thursday, April 30, 2020 – Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.

(u) Thursday, May 14, 2020 – Deadline to ACT on all House bills.

(v) Thursday, May 21, 2020 – Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.

(w) Thursday, May 28, 2020 – Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.

(x) Thursday, June 04, 2020 – Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.

Adopted by the necessary 2/3 vote.

AMENDMENT TO ETHICS GUIDELINES

Senator Carson moved adoption of the proposed amendment to Ethics Guidelines provided in the Senate Calendar.

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Proposed Amendment to the Ethics Guidelines

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on August 20, 2019, voted 4-0 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

8 LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT.

I. General Principles of Conduct.

- (a) A legislative employee or officer shall view his or her work for the General Court as a public service and shall strive to promote the common good of the citizens of the State of New Hampshire through the devotion of his or her professional talents and energies to the support of the General Court in its mission as the representative of the citizens of this state.
- (b) A legislative employee or officer shall act in a way that makes him or her worthy of the trust the General Court places in staff members and officers.
- (c) A legislative employee or officer shall provide objective advice, information, and alternatives to legislators, independent of the employee's or officer's personal beliefs or interests or the interests of third parties. A legislative employee or officer shall avoid activities that conflict with this objectivity or give the appearance of conflict.
- (d) A legislative employee or officer shall treat all legislators with dignity and respect, and provide services of equal quality to the employee's or officer's appropriate legislative clientele.

II. Prohibited Activities.

- (a) The activities listed in this paragraph are prohibited. Making disclosure in compliance with paragraph IV of this section does not excuse or absolve legislative officers or employees from compliance with the provisions of this paragraph or the provisions of RSA 14-C:3 prohibiting certain activities.
- (b) A legislative employee or officer shall not violate the provisions of RSA 14-C.
- (c) A legislative employee or officer shall not accept any gift from givers who wish to influence the work activities of the employee or officer.

- (d) A legislative employee or officer shall not accept any employment or serve in any position, in addition to legislative employment, which would impair the employee's or officer's independence of judgment.
- (e) Except within the scope of employment, a legislative employee or officer shall not provide any service to a lobbyist or any other person in any matter or action pending before the General Court.
- (f) A legislative employee or officer shall not use or attempt to use the employee's or officer's official position to (1) personally obtain any privilege, exemption, special treatment, or any other thing of value, or (2) obtain any such benefit for others except as required to perform duties within the scope of employment.
- (g) A legislative employee or officer shall not accept or solicit anything of value for the private benefit of the employee or officer, or the employee's or officer's immediate family or household member under circumstances in which it can be reasonably inferred that the legislative employee's or officer's independence of judgment is impaired or is intended as a reward for any official action.
- (h) A legislative employee or officer shall not use state-provided services or facilities for private gain.
- (i) A legislative employee or officer shall not disclose confidential information acquired by reason of the employee's or officer's official position to any person or group not entitled to receive such information, nor shall the employee or officer use such information for personal gain or benefit or for the benefit of others.
- (j) A legislative employee or officer shall not enter into any contract with a state agency involving services or property, unless the contract is made after public notice and competitive bidding; except in cases where public notice and competitive bidding are not required, the contract or agreement shall be filed with the employee's or officer's supervisory officer.

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

- (a) Acceptance of awards, prizes, honors, or gifts of a minimal value.
- (b) Acceptance of informational material relevant to the employee's or officer's official function, such as books, pamphlets, reports, documents, periodicals, or other information that is recorded in a written, audio, visual, or digital format.
- (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.
- (d) Acceptance of an honorarium so long as disclosure is made no later than the last day of the month following the month during which the honorarium 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.
- (e) Acceptance of meals or beverages with a value of \$50 or more consumed at a meeting or event the purpose of which is to discuss official business so long as disclosure is made no later than 10 days following the meeting or event at which the meals or beverages were consumed. Meals or beverages accepted under this subparagraph shall be limited to \$250 in the aggregate from any single source during any calendar year. Disclosure shall be filed in a report in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in the form prescribed in RSA 14-C.
- (f) ***Solicitation or acceptance of gifts, grants, or donations on behalf of an official meeting, conference, or event held within the state of New Hampshire of a state or national legislative association to which the general court pays dues and which***

includes among its membership the New Hampshire general court, officers, or staff. Any legislative employee or officer who receives gifts, grants, or donations pursuant to this subparagraph shall disclose the source and amount of any gift, grant, or donation to the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in the form prescribed in RSA 14-C.

[(f)] (g) Acceptance of anything permitted to be accepted pursuant to RSA 14-C.

- IV. Disclosure Procedure. When a legislative employee or officer becomes aware that his or her participation in a particular activity presents a conflict of interest or conflicts with his or her objectivity or gives the appearance of a conflict, the employee or officer shall immediately make disclosure of this fact to his or her supervisory officer. All such reports shall be forwarded to the Chief of Staff of the House, or the Chief of Staff of the Senate, or the Director of the Office of Legislative Services, or the Legislative Budget Assistant, as appropriate.

Adopted.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM EARLY SESSION

Senator Feltes moved that the Senate adjourn from the Early Session, that the business of the Late Session be in order at the present time, that all bills and resolutions ordered to Third Reading be, by this resolution, read a third time, all titles be the same as adopted, and that they be passed at the present time.

Adopted. Adjournment from the Early Session.

LATE SESSION

LIST OF RULE 6-25'S FOR THE DAY

Senator Cavanaugh: SB 148

Senator Giuda: SB 74-FN-A

Senator Morse: SB 1-FN

Senator Soucy: SB 148

MOTION TO RECESS TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Senator Feltes moved that the business of the day being completed, that the Senate recess to the Call of the Chair for the purposes of sending and receiving messages, and processing enrolled bill reports and amendments and when we recess, we recess to the Call of the Chair.

Adopted. The Senate is in recess to the Call of the Chair.