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## U.S. News & World Report Rates New Hampshire #2 Best State

Last week, U.S. News and World Report rated New Hampshire as the 2<sup>nd</sup> best State in the Nation. Their rating was based on a number of different data points including healthcare, education, infrastructure, and economy among many others to determine how well the individual states serve their citizens.

Highlights from the report include that New Hampshire has one of the highest median household incomes in the country at \$71,303 in 2015, as well as a one of the nation's lowest unemployment rates at around 3%. The report also discusses our states political powerhouse standing with our "First in the Nation" status.

To read the full report on New Hampshire's #2 status and to see where the state rated in key areas such as [healthcare and education click here](#).

### CAUCUS NOTICE:

There will be a Republican caucus on **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.  
 There will be Republican caucus on **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.

### SESSION NOTICE:

The next House session will be **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**  
 The House will also meet on **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**

*Please Note: For planning purposes, there will be no legislative activity scheduled on  
 Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, Town Meeting Day.*

## Busy Session Week for the House

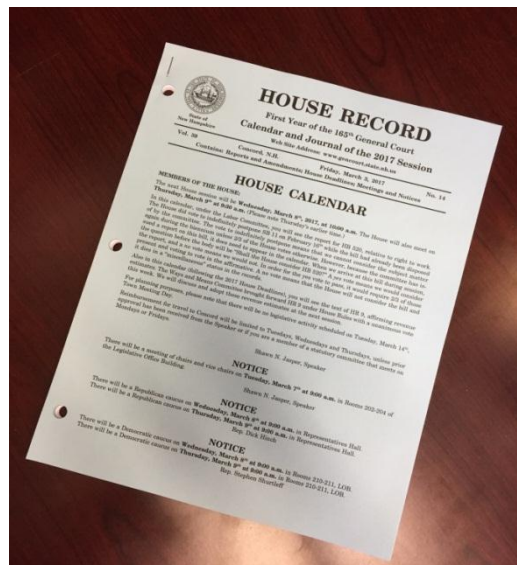
This week is already shaping up to be a busy one for the House. To realize this all you need to do is take a look at the 110 page House Calendar the Clerk’s Office released. The House will be voting on a large amount of legislation. Here’s a breakdown of next week’s calendar:

### Consent Calendar:

177 Bills (129 OTP, 48 ITL)

### Regular Calendar:

98 Bills



## Information Regarding HB 520

*Below is the Speaker’s notice regarding HB 520, relative to right to work, from this week’s House Calendar:*

“In this calendar, under the Labor Committee, you will see the report for HB 520, relative to right to work. The House did vote to indefinitely postpone SB 11 on February 16th while the bill had already been disposed of by the committee. The vote to indefinitely postpone means that we cannot consider the subject matter again during the biennium unless 2/3 of the House votes otherwise. However, because the committee has issued a report on this bill, it does need to appear in the calendar. When we arrive at this bill during session, the question before the body will be “Shall the House consider HB 520?” A yes vote means we would consider the report, and a no vote means we would not. In order for the yes vote to pass, it would require 2/3 of those present and voting to vote in the affirmative. A no vote means that the House will not consider the bill and it dies in a “miscellaneous” status in the records.”

## HB 95 looks to study USNH Budget Authority



HB95, an act establishing a committee to study the feasibility of transferring authority over the University System of New Hampshire’s budget to the general court, hopes to explore ways the legislature can contribute to controlling university system spending. State universities recently have been spending what some believe is unreasonable sums of money on optional projects such as new athletic facilities, administrative bonuses, and branding designs, when many believe they should be using the funds to help focus on their core mission of providing high quality and affordable educational opportunities for New Hampshire students.

HB95 received a 12-0 vote (OTPA) from the Legislative Administration committee. As amended, the bill would establish “a committee to study how taxpayer funds appropriated to the university system of New Hampshire and the community college system of New Hampshire are expended and the procedures to ensure accountability for such expenditures.”

## House Resolution 9 Receives Unanimous Recommendation from Ways and Means

Each biennium, the House Ways and Means committee holds work sessions and gathers data to formulate the revenue estimates included in HR9. These estimates are voted on by the House and set the basis for what we believe the State will receive for revenue over the next 2 fiscal years and establish the framework the Finance committee will work in as they develop the House budget, knowing they cannot spend more than the state can expect to bring in.

The Ways & Means committee voted 22-0 on Wednesday to recommend the revenue estimates in HB9 to the full House.

## HB1 & HB2 Public Hearings Scheduled

Public Hearings for HB 1-A and HB 2-FN-A-L have been scheduled for the following dates and times:

Monday, March 6, 2017

Derry Town Hall, Derry

4:30 p.m. HB 1-A, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019; HB 2-FN-A-L, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures.

Silver Center for the Arts, Plymouth State University, Plymouth

5:30 p.m. HB 1-A, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019; HB 2-FN-A-L, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures.

Monday, March 13, 2017

State House, Representatives Hall (live streamed)

3:00 p.m. HB 1-A, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

HB 2-FN-A-L, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures

|  | FY 2017            |                    | FY 2018            |                    | FY 2019            |                    |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|  | Official Estimate  | Committee Estimate | Committee Estimate | Committee Estimate | Committee Estimate | Committee Estimate |
| <b>GEN'L &amp; EDUCATION</b>                   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>TRUST FUND:</b>                             |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| (Dollars in Millions)                          |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Business Profits Tax                           | \$339.800          | \$381.000          | \$390.900          | \$398.300          | \$398.300          | \$398.300          |
| Business Enterprise Tax                        | 225.300            | 254.000            | 260.600            | 265.600            | 265.600            | 265.600            |
| Subtotal                                       | 565.100            | 635.000            | 651.500            | 663.900            | 663.900            | 663.900            |
| Meals & Rooms Tax                              | 307.500            | 314.000            | 329.700            | 346.200            | 346.200            | 346.200            |
| Tobacco Tax                                    | 221.700            | 215.500            | 215.000            | 214.500            | 214.500            | 214.500            |
| Liquor Sales                                   | 144.200            | 144.000            | 146.800            | 148.700            | 148.700            | 148.700            |
| Interest & Dividends Tax                       | 96.000             | 94.100             | 96.000             | 98.000             | 98.000             | 98.000             |
| Insurance Tax                                  | 114.400            | 115.800            | 120.000            | 120.000            | 120.000            | 120.000            |
| Communications Tax                             | 58.400             | 49.000             | 45.400             | 42.000             | 42.000             | 42.000             |
| Real Estate Transfer Tax                       | 126.400            | 139.000            | 151.000            | 160.000            | 160.000            | 160.000            |
| Court Fines & Fees                             | 13.800             | 13.400             | 13.400             | 13.400             | 13.400             | 13.400             |
| Securities Revenue                             | 42.800             | 44.500             | 45.500             | 46.500             | 46.500             | 46.500             |
| Utility Consumption Tax                        | 6.000              | 6.000              | 6.000              | 6.000              | 6.000              | 6.000              |
| Beer Tax                                       | 13.000             | 13.000             | 13.200             | 13.200             | 13.200             | 13.200             |
| Other  | 70.300             | 75.000             | 75.000             | 75.000             | 75.000             | 75.000             |
| Lottery Transfers                              | 75.000             | 75.000             | 75.000             | 75.000             | 75.000             | 75.000             |
| Racing & Charitable Gaming                     | 2.500              | 2.700              | 3.000              | 3.000              | 3.000              | 3.000              |
| Tobacco Settlement                             | 39.000             | 40.000             | 35.000             | 35.000             | 35.000             | 35.000             |
| Utility Property Tax                           | 41.800             | 42.000             | 43.000             | 43.000             | 43.000             | 43.000             |
| Statewide Property Tax                         | 363.100            | 363.100            | 363.100            | 363.100            | 363.100            | 363.100            |
| Medicaid Recoveries                            | 10.400             | 9.100              | 9.100              | 9.100              | 9.100              | 9.100              |
| <b>TOTAL GEN'L &amp; EDUCATION TRUST FUNDS</b> | <b>\$2,311.400</b> | <b>\$2,390.200</b> | <b>\$2,436.700</b> | <b>\$2,475.600</b> | <b>\$2,475.600</b> | <b>\$2,475.600</b> |
| <b>HIGHWAY FUNDS:</b>                          |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| (Dollars in Millions)                          |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Road Toll                                      | \$125.900          | \$126.600          | \$126.300          | \$126.100          | \$126.100          | \$126.100          |
| Motor Vehicle Fees                             | 113.500            | 113.100            | 114.600            | 115.700            | 115.700            | 115.700            |
| Miscellaneous                                  | 0.900              | 0.300              | 0.200              | 0.200              | 0.200              | 0.200              |
| <b>TOTAL HIGHWAY FUNDS</b>                     | <b>\$240.300</b>   | <b>\$240.000</b>   | <b>\$241.100</b>   | <b>\$242.000</b>   | <b>\$242.000</b>   | <b>\$242.000</b>   |
| <b>FISH AND GAME FUNDS:</b>                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| (Dollars in Millions)                          |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Fish & Game Licenses                           | \$8.500            | \$9.600            | \$9.600            | \$9.600            | \$9.600            | \$9.600            |
| Fines & Miscellaneous                          | 1.800              | 1.800              | 1.800              | 1.800              | 1.800              | 1.800              |
| <b>TOTAL FISH &amp; GAME FUNDS</b>             | <b>\$10.300</b>    | <b>\$11.400</b>    | <b>\$11.400</b>    | <b>\$11.400</b>    | <b>\$11.400</b>    | <b>\$11.400</b>    |

## NH Historical Happenings

2003 was the last time the Old Man of the Mountain was seen, but when was the first? Other than Native Americans the first reported account of the Old Man of the Mountain came in 1805 by a group of road surveyors building a path through Franconia Notch. An image of the "old Man" was first published in 1828 in the American Journal of Science and Arts. Left: Early engraving of the "Old Man of the Mountain". Image courtesy of the NH State Library

