#### JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

Legislative Office Building, Rooms 210-211 Concord, NH Friday, October 18, 2013

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Mary Jane Wallner, Chair

Rep. Cindy Rosenwald

Rep. Ken Weyler

Rep. Bernard Benn (Alt.)

Rep. Katherine Rogers (Alt.)

Sen. Jeanie Forrester, Vice-Chair

Sen. President Chuck Morse

Sen. Lou D'Allesandro

Sen. Andy Sanborn

Sen. John Reagan (Alt.)

(Convened at 10:04 a.m.)

## (1) Acceptance of Minutes of the September 13, 2013 Meeting.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Good morning. Welcome to the Fiscal Committee meeting of October 18<sup>th</sup>. And we'll start with the minutes from the meeting of September 13<sup>th</sup>. Do I see a motion or do we have discussion? Any difficulties with the minutes?

\*\* REP. WEYLER: Move to approve.

SEN. FORRESTER: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Representative Weyler moves to approve the minutes and Senator Forrester seconds. Any discussion? All in favor? Any opposed? None opposed. The minutes are accepted.

#### \*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

#### 2. Old Business:

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Moving now to Old Business. Seeing no motions on the Old Business.

### 3. RSA 14:30-a, III Audit Topic Recommendation by Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee:

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: And moving forward to Item 3 which is an audit of the Veterans Home. Do I see a motion?

\*\* REP. ROSENWALD: So moved.

SEN. REAGAN: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Representative Rosenwald moves that we move forward with an audit of the Veterans Home and it was seconded by Senator Reagan. And welcome Senator Reagan. I don't see you here often.

SEN. REAGAN: Thank you.

 $\underline{\text{CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER}}\colon \text{Nice to see you. Any discussion?}$  All in -- yes, Senator D'Allesandro.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Madam Chair. I think that during the budget discussions a number of items were brought to light vis-à-vis the management, financial management of the Veterans Home, which I think must be looked at and must be rectified if, indeed, the financial purity of that entity is to continue. And depending on the bills and particularly utility bills that we found were -- that was quite -- it was a very bad situation. So I think the audit's in order. And it must be done before the next budget cycle to make sure that all of these things have been corrected. We did discuss those. We dealt with those during this budget. But it seems to me they can't happen

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again because it creates a very serious problem for the whole budgeting process.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Thank you. I think that in the House we certainly agree that we move forward with that --with that audit. Any further discussion? All in favor? Any opposed? The item passes.

#### \*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### (4) RSA 9:16-c, I, Transfer of Federal Grant Funds:

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Now we move into the Consent Calendar. Tab 4 on our Consent Calendar. There are two items. Any item to be removed from Consent? Seeing no items to be removed. Do I have a motion to accept the Consent Calendar?

\*\* REP. BENN: So moved.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Representative Benn and --

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Second.

<u>CHAIRMAN WALLNER</u>: And Senator D'Allesandro seconds. All in favor? Any opposed? Consent Calendar passes for Ttem 4.

#### \*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

(5) RSA 14:30-a, VI Fiscal Committee Approval Required for Acceptance and Expenditure of Funds over \$100,000 from Any Non-State Source:

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Item 5 is also a Consent Calendar.

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And I believe there are some items that need to be removed from that. Senator Sanborn.

 $\underline{\text{SEN. SANBORN}} \colon \text{Yes, ma'am. Thank you. Item } 13-217 \text{ I'd}$  like to remove.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Okay.

SEN. SANBORN: 13-233.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Okay.

SEN. SANBORN: I'm sorry. Yep, that's it.

REP. ROSENWALD: Yes, Madam Chair.

SEN. REAGAN: So moved.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Representative Rosenwald moves and Senator Reagan seconds. Any discussion? All in favor? Any opposed? The item -- the Consent Calendar passes with Item 13-217 and Item 233 off consent. And should we deal with Item 13-217, Department of Safety? We have questions that you would like to ask?

SEN. SANBORN: Yes, ma'am.

<u>CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER</u>: Okay. We have some people from Department of Safety. Welcome.

ELIZABETH BIELECKI, Director, Division of Administration, Department of Safety: Good morning.

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CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Just introduce yourself.

MS. BIELECKI: Yes. For the record, my name is Elizabeth Bielecki, Director of Administration for Department of Safety.

LISA LIENHART, Financial Analyst, Division of Administration, Department of Safety: Lisa Lienhart with Department of Safety.

<u>CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER</u>: Thank you. Welcome. Senator Sanborn, any questions?

SEN. SANBORN: Thank you, Madam Chair. I appreciate it, ladies. Thanks so much for coming today. I appreciate it.

My concern isn't as much as an application for FEMA funds and, frankly, it's more the fact that for some time now the State hasn't been maintaining its responsibility in paying its 12% share or 12%% share of the 25% of required payments by State entities. So we are continuing to force this undue pressure by making our local communities pay 100% more than they're supposed to. So they're paying double. My understanding is we accumulated about a \$5 million backlog of money the State is supposed to be paying and hasn't been.

Short of legislative action, and I'm not sure part of my question, Madam Chair, is the House putting in anything to try and rectify the situation? What are we doing to try and get the State portion of the funding back on track so we're not putting this burden on our local communities? Now, obviously, we need the FEMA money. We all understand it's a requirement, but shouldn't there be some force to make the State pay its share and what can we do about that?

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MS. BIELECKI: Yes, thank you for that question. I'm afraid it's probably outside of my scope to discuss that. I understand there are a lot of questions regarding the 12%%. We've received some requests for information about the grant funding that has not had the 12%% built into that or for grants that were not provided with that. I am not sure where -- where that is in the process, but I know there is a lot of interest and local interest as well to get that funding restored.

SEN. SANBORN: Follow-up then, if I may?

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Yes, Senator Sanborn.

SEN. SANBORN: I guess is there a provision or what happens at some point if the local communities can only pay 121% and can't pay the whole 25%? Are we at risk at losing that FEMA support or is there some provision acknowledging that the State's not paying its responsibility that those communities will still get the assistance that they need?

MS. BIELECKI: Currently, the way the funding from FEMA is provided, it does require the 25% match of our local communities. If that match cannot be met, the funding for FEMA would be jeopardized.

SEN. SANBORN: Thank you, ma'am.

MS. BIELECKI: Sure.

SEN. SANBORN: Thank you, Madam Chair.

MS. BIELECKI: Thank you.

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CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Do we have a motion?

\*\* SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Move the item.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Senator D'Allesandro moves the item.

REP. ROSENWALD: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: And Representative Rosenwald seconds. Any further discussion? All in favor? Any opposed? The item passes.

#### \*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

 $\underline{\text{CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER}}\colon$  And now we have off of Consent also Item 13-233, and this is a Health and Human Service item. Thank you.

STEVE MOSHER, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services: For the record, my name is Steve Mosher, Chief Financial Officer of HHS.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Thank you. And I believe, Senator Sanborn, you have a question?

SEN. SANBORN: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank you. Steve, thanks for coming in today. I appreciate it. This is part of the larger question, larger conversation we're having. It started in this past legislative session dealing specifically with the Vaccination Board. And as you probably remember, there was a request to expand the assessment pool in order to try and drive the rates down and the expectation in the Committee hearings and the conversations we had would show there was a thought that we'd be driving rates down about 30%. We are paying 26.60, I think, per person today. And by expanding it from just

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the small business community to all payers of insurance, obviously, you're expanding the pool, the rate would come down. But I'm being led to believe in some information I've gotten that the assessment pay is going from \$11 million to \$19 million this year in the budget. It's going up about 66%, not down. And, B, on one of the lines in there, there was an assessment for \$500,000, a special assessment without a lot of clarification. Again, I'm being led to believe that was money -- no one knows what that is being used for but someone suggested being used to initiate this program. That there also seems to be a request for Federal funds to initiate this temperature monitoring system. So I quess at the hundred thousand foot level first, what's going on, and do we really have the controls and understand that we're seeing such an explosion of the money? And is the 500,000 from the assessment pool being used to fund this temperature control system or the Federal grant and if it's the Federal grant what's the \$500,000 for?

MR. MOSHER: I can't speak to the 10,000 foot issue. I mean, I can tell you that the appropriation unit, the accounting unit you see before you on this item is the administration of the program. There's a separate appropriation unit for the purchase of the vaccine, which is about \$20 million, and it's funded by private insurance companies. The State has among the 50 states one of the highest immunization rates in the country, because we have a very good collaboration with private insurance companies where from this \$20 million pool we are able to purchase vaccines through the Federal Procurement System at a much discounted rate from what the private insurance would pay if they were going to go out and buy these on the open market. That's why it's a -- it's a win/win for the children who get vaccinated, plus the insurance companies because they are able to purchase vaccine at a discounted rate. So we purchase the vaccines, distribute them to the providers, the physicians.

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What the temperature control unit is is most -- a lot of these vaccinations -- immunization drugs have to be refrigerated. We monitor the temperatures. The problem is that most of the refrigerators you open the door, look at the temperature, and it is what it is, but you don't know what it was 24, 48 hours ago. What this grant is going to do is allow us to fit these refrigerators with recording devices so that you put the thermometer in and it will keep track what the temperature has been over a period of time. This came out in the immunization program recently audited by the Federal Government and one of the findings was this temperature monitoring system. But -- so I can speak to that issue. But as far as your broader question on driving down the rates, I'd have to refer to Dr. Montero or the Commissioner for that.

SEN. SANBORN: Thank you, sir. One follow-up, ma'am?

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Yes.

SEN. SANBORN: Thank you. So I guess I'm not questioning what our role is. You want to document the specific grant that, A, is \$500,000 sufficient amount of money to buy a monitoring device for every single doctor's office and every single hospital for every single immunization? It seems my gut would tell me the number might not be right, because we are also providing training. Even above that, is it the role of HHS? So I'm also hearing from doctors then this is the first time HHS is going to start walking into the doctor's office and monitoring their refrigeration systems. Isn't that a role that the hospitals and doctors should be doing and not HHS?

 $\underline{\text{MR. MOSHER}}$ : We do have a responsibility to maintain public health, and in that regard we're not going to go in and flash badges and, you know, and say let's see your system. But that's the purpose of these monitoring devices

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is so that you don't have to go in everyday to check temperatures. You can go in when necessary and look at the thermometer and tell what the temperature has been over a period of time.

SEN. SANBORN: Thank you, sir.

MR. MOSHER: I was in the food business for many years. We used the same temperature devices for transportation. The driver would say that -- the requirement was to keep the temperature at 40 degrees and we knew it was 40 degrees when it left Illinois, but we wanted to make sure it been maintained for 40 degrees when it got to Boston. And we used the same kind of devices so we could look to see what the range had been.

SEN. SANBORN: I appreciate that. I'm in the food industry myself and maintaining temperatures but the government doesn't come in and track them for me. So thank you, sir.

 $\underline{\text{CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER}} \colon \text{Further questions?} \quad \text{Representative} \\$  Weyler.

REP. WEYLER: Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Mosher, how
many of these monitoring devices are we buying for this?

MR. MOSHER: I don't know the answer to that.

REP. WEYLER: Do you have any idea; 100, 200?

 $\underline{\text{MR. MOSHER}}$ : I don't know. My guess would be well over 200 because we have more providers than the 200.

REP. WEYLER: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Further questions? Do I have a

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motion?

\*\* REP. ROSENWALD: So moved.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Representative Rosenwald moves.

SEN. REAGAN: Second.

<u>CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER</u>: And Senator Reagan seconds. Any further discussion? All in favor? Any opposed?

SEN. SANBORN: Opposed.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Senator Sanborn was in opposition.

#### \*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Thank you, Mr. Mosher.

MR. MOSHER: Thank you.

(6) RSA 14:30-a, VI Fiscal Committee Approval Required for Acceptance and Expenditure of Funds over \$100,000 from Any Non-State Source and RSA 124:15 Positions Restricted.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Thank you. Now we'll move to Tab 6. This is also a Consent. There's only one item on it and I know that we do have -- I believe Senator Sanborn has some questions on this item. So this is also a Department of Safety item. We could ask you to come back up. Thank you.

MS. BIELECKI: Thank you. Again, for the record, Elizabeth Bielecki, Department of Safety.

MS. LIENHART: Lisa Lienhart, Department of Safety.

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CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Thank you. Senator Sanborn.

SEN. SANBORN: Madam Chair, thank you. Ladies, thank you for coming up again. I appreciate it.

The concept of making sure -- if I understand this correct, 'cause I had a CDL, the concept of making sure everyone has a medical card on record to match their CDL is admirable and I completely support it. But do I understand we are going to spend \$360,000 to make a computer program to track that? Seems like a lot of money.

MS. BIELECKI: Sure. And just to give you a little bit of a background. We are right now in the process of securing a vendor to replace our driver licensing system. And this is really the reason for hiring a consultant as well. Hopefully, in the next month or so, we will have selected a vendor to work with us and this consultant will work with the new vendor to incorporate this requirement into the new system going forward. So working over the next 18 to 24 months on the implementation of that piece.

SEN. SANBORN: Follow-up.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Yes.

SEN. SANBORN: If I understand you then, the 360 isn't the actual buy to create the software to track it. It's actually to give to a consultant to find a new system?

 $\underline{\text{MS. BIELECKI}}$ : It's not just for the consultant. I mean, the bulk of it is to find a consultant, but it would be for the programming that would incorporate that into the new system. Yes.

SEN. SANBORN: Thank you, ma'am.

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CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Any further questions? Thank you very much. Appreciate you coming up.

MS. BIELECKI: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Is there a motion?

\*\* REP. BENN: So moved.

SEN. REAGAN: So moved.

<u>CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER</u>: Representative Benn moves to approve and Senator Reagan seconds. Any further discussion? All in favor? Any opposed? Seeing none; the item passes.

#### \*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

#### (7) RSA 177:2, II, Closing of State Stores:

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: And we move on now to Item 7. Do we have a motion?

\*\* SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Move.

SEN. REAGAN: Second.

<u>CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER</u>: Senator Reagan seconds. Any discussion? Any questions? All in favor? The item passes.

#### \*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

### (8) RSA 215-A:23, IX, and RSA 215-C:39, X, Registration Fees:

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<u>CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER</u>: Item 8, Tab 8. This is Fish and Game Department. Do I have a motion?

\*\* REP. BENN: So moved.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Representative Benn moves.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Second.

REP. ROGERS: Second.

<u>CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER</u>: Senator D'Allesandro seconds. Any discussion? All in favor? Any opposed? The item passes.

#### \*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

### (9) <u>Chapter 144:56, Laws of 2013, Department of Corrections; Transfers:</u>

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Nine. Now we move to Tab 9. This is Department of Corrections. We'll take the first item on this tab. It's 13-209. Do I have a motion?

\*\* SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Move the item.

 $\underline{\text{CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER}} \colon \text{ Representative (sic) D'Allesandro moves.}$ 

REP. BENN: Second.

<u>CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER</u>: And Representative Benn seconds. Any discussion? All in favor? Any opposed? The item passes.

#### \*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: We move on to Item 13-219 under

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that same tab.

\*\* SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Move the item.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: This is also Corrections. Senator D'Allesandro moves.

REP. BENN: Second.

<u>CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER</u>: And Representative Benn seconds. Any discussion? All in favor? Any opposed? Item passes.

#### \*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

### 10. Chapter 144:95, Laws of 2013, Department of Transportation; Transfer of Funds:

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Now we move into Tab 10. We have two items under Tab 10, the first one being Item 13-212, Department of Transportation. Do I have a motion?

\*\* REP. ROGERS: So moved.

SEN. SANBORN: I have a question on that if you wouldn't mind.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Okay. Let's ask if the Department of Transportation could come up. Thank you.

CHRISTOPHER D. CLEMENT, SR., Commissioner, Department of Transportation: Good morning.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Good morning.

MR. CLEMENT: How are you?

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Introduce yourself for the record.

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MR. CLEMENT: Yes, good morning. For the record, my name is Chris Clement, Commissioner of New Hampshire Department of Transportation, and Patrick McKenna is with me. He's Director also of Finance for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. Good morning.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Thank you. Thank you for joining us.

SEN. SANBORN: Thank you, Madam Chair. A couple questions, if I might? If I could paint the picture, help me understand it.

MR. CLEMENT: Okay.

SEN. SANBORN: You guys are running about \$75 million worth of assets in equipment today. And if you're living on a 10-year life cycle, you should be spending about --

MR. CLEMENT: Seven and a half million dollars a year.

SEN. SANBORN: -- seven and a half million dollars a year. Should be pretty basic math. And my understanding is you're only spending a couple million dollars or two and a half million dollars.

MR. CLEMENT: 2.6.

SEN. SANBORN: I'm sorry?

 $\underline{\text{MR. CLEMENT}}$ : 2.6 million this year and 2.57 next year.

SEN. SANBORN: So, obviously, concerned at some level that you're not keeping up with the needs that you guys have to make sure your fleet's running. So my question is two-prong. On one hand looks like you're transferring money

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out of that account and would it be better used to buy the equipment? And the other half of that question is I do understand you moved over to leasing equipment versus just straight acquisitions. And if maybe you could provide this Committee with something so we could do kind of an apples to apples comparison. Are you leasing enough to make up from the 2.6 to the 7.5? Shed some light on where you're at and how comfortable are you moving this money out of the equipment acquisition account into other types of maintenance. And I'm not questioning your judgment on what's the best one, but I'm trying to help you make sure you have what you need for safer equipment.

MR. CLEMENT: Okay. So I'll start and then if -- and then perhaps you could backup if I say anything wrong or incorrect, please jump in so it's corrected here. But our equipment budget -- our fleet equipment budget or DOT equipment budget is something different than what we are talking about with the million eighty-seven transfer for the coaches. So our equipment budget is out of the New Hampshire Highway Fund. So for all the DOT vehicles we have, you know, 2100 plated pieces of equipment. That's the budget. That's the \$75 million in value that you're talking about and we should be turning over about 10% of that a year which is about \$7½ million, and we haven't been doing that for probably 10 years. So that's a different funding source, Senator, than what we're talking about here.

#### SEN. SANBORN: Okay.

MR. CLEMENT: This transfer with the buses and maintaining them, you know, the bus facility, that million eighty-seven, is 99 -- was it 99.4% Federal funds. And those are Federal funds that we get from the FTA, the Federal Transit Administration. And those are used to keep our Park and Rides going and our bus fleet, our buses -- our 22 buses that we own for Boston Express and we own a

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few for C&J Trailways as well. Did I get that right?

PATRICK MCKENNA, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation: Perfect.

MR. CLEMENT: Okay. Thank you.

SEN. SANBORN: Thank you.

MR. CLEMENT: You're welcome.

MR. MCKENNA: If I could add one point. This transfer particularly is really a refinement. We are actually not moving the funds from -- from the equipment line. We're moving it from what's considered a pass-through of Federal grants. What we have done is we've refined in our asset system ownership. We clearly established ownership of several of these buses that the State owns. And what we are doing is recognizing that the maintenance -- we are actually doing power train work on these. We are contracting that work out. So we are moving this from pass-through as if it were going to a community, and we are saying that this is really for the maintenance of the items. It was improperly budgeted. And we're putting it in the right line item so we can pay contractual services for the -- for the maintenance -- the ongoing maintenance of these buses.

 $\underline{\text{SEN. SANBORN}} \colon \text{Great.}$  Thank you for letting me know. I appreciate it.

MR. CLEMENT: You're welcome.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Any further questions? Thank you very much for joining us. Thank you.

MR. CLEMENT: Thank you.

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CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Now --

REP. WEYLER: I didn't see --

<u>CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER</u>: We have Representative Rogers moved. I need a second.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: And Senator D'Allesandro seconds. Any further discussion? All in favor? Any opposed? The motion passes.

#### \*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: And moving on to Item 13-226. Do I have a motion?

\*\* REP. ROGERS: So moved.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Katherine Rogers moved and Senator D'Allesandro seconds. Any discussion? All in favor? Any opposed? Motion passes.

#### \*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

# 11. Chapter 144:95, Laws of 2013, Department of Transportation; Transfer of Funds and RSA 124:15, Positions Restricted:

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: And our last tab is Tab 11 and this is a tab about Department of Transportation. Any discussion? Do we -- do I have a motion?

\*\* SEN. REAGAN: Move approval.

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CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Senator Reagan moves.

SEN. FORRESTER: Second.

<u>CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER</u>: And Senator Forrester seconds. Any discussion? All in favor? Any opposed? The motion passes.

#### \*\*\* {MOTION ADOPTED}

#### 12. <u>Miscellaneous</u>:

#### 13. Informational Materials:

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: And then you have a number of Miscellaneous items. These are mostly items about for your information. Is there anyone who has questions on any of these items? Okay. Great.

#### 14. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment:

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: This is probably -- let's see,
it's -- right now it's about 25 minutes. So thank you.

We are working on the next meeting. Hopefully, it will be Friday the  $22^{\rm nd}$ . We are going to discuss -- Senator Forrester and I are going to discuss the timing of it, because we've got a busy week. It's a very busy week here that week, so.

SEN. SANBORN: What date?

SEN. FORRESTER: 22<sup>nd</sup>.

<u>CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER</u>: The 22<sup>nd</sup>. Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November will be the next meeting, and we'll discuss the timing of it and let people know. Yes, Senator D'Allesandro.

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SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: Before closing, Madam Chair, I notice there's a Fish and Game officer in the rear of the room. I want to be very complimentary to Fish and Game the kind of work they're doing on the case up in North Conway. I think it's another example of Fish and Game Search and Rescue is something we ought to pay attention to, what it costs, what that service is indeed. How important it is, that there's a cost related to that, and right now that's a situation that we have to watch very, very carefully. But kudos to Fish and Game for the great work they're doing along with law enforcement to try to find this young lady. And I'm -- I might mention I used to teach at Kennett High School in Conway. So I do have a number of friends left in that area, and this is quite an extraordinary event. And I think the State of New Hampshire, particularly our Fish and Game and AG, are doing a tremendous job in trying to locate this young lady. We should recognize that, because it's a very important issue. And we talk about search and rescue all the time and now we understand why, but we also understand there's a significant cost associated with that.

\*\* CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: Thank you, Senator D'Allesandro. I'm sure we all share your sentiment and thank you very much for Fish and Game for -- for the good work you're doing, sir, to search for this young woman. Move that the meeting be adjourned.

SEN. D'ALLESANDRO: So moved.

CHAIRWOMAN WALLNER: And thank you.

(Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.)

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### CERTIFICATION

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