

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, February 16, 2023

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred **SB 26-FN**

AN ACT relative to asbestos actions.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

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For the Committee

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