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Senate holds first committee hearing of 2021

Commerce Committee kicks off new session using Zoom technology

CONCORD, NH – For the first time this year, the Senate held an on-line hearing. Chairman Sen. Harold French (R-Franklin) opened the Commerce Committee hearing in the afternoon with Senate members, prime sponsors and the public all successfully participating via Zoom. The three bills taken up concerned the direct shipment of liquor, brew pubs and farmers markets.

Senate President Chuck Morse said, "I am pleased that we are back to work on time and holding committee hearings in a responsible manner due to the pandemic. We have worked diligently to make the on-line process of considering bills as seamless as possible. It's our goal to ensure that the public has every opportunity to participate in the legislative process and provide their input on issues of interest."

Commerce is the first of five committees to meet this week with Education, Judiciary, Executive Departments and Administration, and Ways & Means to follow. Between the committees, 15 bills are scheduled to be heard.

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