



Your State House Concord, New Hampshire



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To my constituents in [Allenstown](#), [Epsom](#), & [Pittsfield](#):

This week, my committee worked on Senate bills. SB 33 attempted to set up a process to restore Native American place names, but generated much more testimony than I had expected. Apparently, there is a process now, and many Native American communities prefer it to the one in the bill. The prime sponsor brought in an amendment to address issues not fixed by the Senate amendment, but his testimony revealed that the Native Americans in this state are not in full agreement on naming, and many are upset that they were not consulted in its drafting. I'm not at all convinced that the bill is necessary.



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SB 57, allowing pharmacy technicians and interns to perform some tasks remotely, also looked simple and straightforward (I'm a co-sponsor), but questions brought out concerns with hacking, how the companies verified that these tasks were performed by the licensed individuals, and other management issues.

SB 114, on safe use of public recreation areas, had been amended by the Senate to only require the Police Standards & Training Council provide training on de-escalation, implicit bias, and incidents involving civil rights. It wasn't clear to us if the council already provides such training; they didn't send an officer to testify, which usually means they don't object to the bill.

SB 58, technical corrections to the administration of licensing boards, was, at 51 pages, much longer than most bills in New Hampshire. There was no opposition, but I'm planning a work session to go over it in detail.