

## Your State House Concord, New Hampshire



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To my constituents in <u>Allenstown</u>, <u>Epsom</u>, & Pittsfield:

This week, the House met in committees of conference. I served on two: SB 358, which was completely rewritten to revise the administrative rules process, and SB 313, where we added a new oversight committee for the office of professional licensure, and made a number of other changes clarifying their fee authority. The committee on SB 313 met briefly, and agreed on all the House changes; we also restored a section on the board of medical technicians, which had been deleted in anticipation of repealing the board (HB 1330, doing so, passed the House but was killed in the Senate.)

The committee on SB 358 stalemated because the administrative rules staff showed up (for the first time since I proposed the amendment) and brought up some difficulties. After that, the Senators refused to accept any changes.

At the meeting of the joint legislative committee on administrative rules, we objected to the update to the passenger tramway safety rules, since they were apparently creating a license for the lift inspectors. Our laws now require explicit statutory authority to require a license, but this board has been operating since before there were such restrictions and just kept on going the way they had been... We also approved, by a partisan vote, the "Learn Everywhere" rules, which require high schools to grant credit for programs approved by the state board of education, as well as the local board. Last session, with a Democrat majority, we had objected to the rules (on a partisan basis) – but they have never been challenged in court.

My committee is losing one of its better members: Michael Yakubovich, of Hooksett, is running for the state senate. Since my new district (Allenstown, Dunbarton, Epsom and Hooksett) overlaps his, I went to his campaign kickoff and will be supporting him in the primary. At the moment, Rep Howard Pearl, of Louden, is the only announced candidate for my senate district, as John Reagan is not running for reelection. Since the filing period is June 1-10, I don't know who is running in every district (including mine – I hear there is likely to be a primary fight!)



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