Bills from Resources, Recreation and Development

HB 683 (Tabled) – Relative to the rights of property owners abutting certain highways and rail trails. (This bill establishes additional notice and procedural requirements prior to authorizing certain roads or portions of roads for OHRV use.)

HB 1165 (Tabled) – Prohibiting ATV's on a rail trail in Gorham. (This bill prohibits OHRV operation on a section of the rail trail in the town of Gorham from the Lancaster Road/Route 2 parking lot to 540 feet west of the trestle bridge over Route 16.)

HB 1316 (Interim Studied, and Not Recommended for further action 16-0) – Relative to OHRV trails known as "Ride the Wilds."

HB 1426 (Interim Study and Recommended for further Legislation 17-0) – Requiring an offhighway recreational vehicle club to have certain tests performed on a rail trail prior to use as an OHRV trail. (This bill provides guidelines to test for contaminated soil and implementation of actions to minimize contact with contaminated soil.)

Bills from Transportation

HB 596 (ITL) - Relative to eligibility for agricultural plates. (This bill adds certain types of vehicles used for residential and private property maintenance to the list of vehicles for agricultural plates – such as Kubota utility vehicle.)

HB 1156 (ITL) - Establishing a committee to study minimizing the use of public roads in the OHRV trail system known as Ride the Wilds in Coos county.

HB 1427 (ITL) - removing the authorization for OHRV use on certain sections of state highway. (This bill repeals RSA215-A:10 IVc that names specific roads for OHRV usage, testimony stated that the DOT can't get involved if the roads are in statute. For the DOT to go through the normal process of opening roads with public hearings, etc., the named roads must be repealed.)

HB 1438 (ITL) - permitting OHRVs on certain public ways. (This bill allows OHRV usage on any non-divided public way and raised safety issues as some of these roads have 55mph speed limits)

HB 1604 (ITL) - relative to agricultural registration for certain utility vehicles. (This bill raised questions on if a Utility Vehicle should be allowed on roads for short distances to avoid trailering, and also raises the question of if they fall under agricultural plates.)

HB 1612 (ITL) - relative to utility terrain vehicle operation on roads. (This bill would allow UTVs on roads 45mph and less, opening up the question of dual registrations with the DMV and F&G, safety issues, as well as do they fall under Motor Vehicle law or OHRV law)

HB 1688 (ITL) - relative to OHRV speed limits on roads. (This bill would make OHRV violation a motor vehicle violation, creating a conflict with current fines going to F&G)

SB 659 (Died on Table in House) - relative to agricultural and farm motor vehicle plates. (This bill would require vehicles registered with agricultural and farm plates to display the name and address of the farm on the driver's door)