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### **A Brief Summary of Education Issues at the State House**

#### **State Building Aid Update**

Two weeks ago, the Committee to Study the School Building Aid Grant Program surprised everyone by discussing a need to call for a suspension/moratorium of the current program. Their reasoning was to not allow any more projects to be approved for state aid, thereby capping the state's financial commitment to only those projects currently approved and receiving funding. This past Tuesday, acknowledging the detrimental impact this possibility was having on current projects in the planning stage for annual meeting consideration, the committee voted to delay their recommendation of a "temporary suspension" of the program until after the annual school district meetings this winter/spring. By unanimous vote they chose to recommend to the legislature that it consider a temporary suspension of the program, but that no such suspension should take effect prior to June 30, 2010.

The Committee will meet again on December 15, 2009 to act on an interim report. The vote this week was to include the above recommendation in that interim report. Any recommendations for legislation will have to be filed this session as a bill and go through the legislative process with public hearings. When the interim report is adopted and made available, NHSBA will post a copy on the web site.