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## **NH Democrats Announce Major Ideological Shift**

***Anxious voters ask, "Can this be the start of a nationwide trend?"***

Referring to it as clearly a major victory, the House Republican Alliance was openly celebrating Wednesday evening at their Concord headquarters upon finding that they were being joined by the House Democratic Minority Leader Jim Craig in denouncing the Democrats' tax and spend policy, which has been a trademark of the NH Democratic party since the early 1920's. HRA members were all scrambling to take credit for this major ideological shift in the New Hampshire Democratic Party, after reading Representative Craig's comments in an August 10<sup>th</sup> newspaper article quoting it as "unfair to label all Democrats as proponents of sales and income taxes" and that Governor Craig Benson's win over Democratic rival Mark Fernald was basically a referendum against an income tax. During the giddy celebration of newly found cooperation, HRA spokesperson Rep. Paul Mirski (R. Enfield) was heard as saying "We are delighted at having the Democrats join us in rolling back the many new taxes and increased fees that were mistakenly attributed to the Democrats this last session."

In a somewhat related move, the HRA is considering a demand that the Attorney General immediately launch an investigation into possible tampering with the New Hampshire House of Representatives voting system. Based on the Democratic Minority Leader's statements, it now appears that his 100% recorded voting record in favor of increasing taxes and fees, and against limiting and prohibiting taxes on legislative bills such as CACR13 prohibiting an income tax, HB616 relative to the education property tax and education equity tax, HB51 to study imposing a luxury sales and amusements tax, HB535 increasing the tobacco tax, SB36 assessing a fee on all dogs and cats not sterilized, SB146 increasing court filing fee surcharges, SB63 establishing a court mediation fund, and CACR1 limiting the maximum increase in any budget bill, must all have been recorded in error. To further compound this unfortunate misrepresentation, it also appears that many of the 90% of Democrats in the House who voted with the Minority Leader have also had their votes wrongly recorded. Rep. Paul Mirski is quoted as saying, "This kind of gross misrepresentation of the Democrats' voting records is an outrage and must be immediately corrected." The HRA awaits word from Representative Craig on whether he will join them in seeking this investigation.

The NHHRA is comprised of members of the NH House of Representatives striving for legislative support for bills supporting the NH and U.S. Constitutions and NH Republican party platform. For more information, please log onto <http://www.nhhouse republicanalliance.org>.###