

HOUSE REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE RECOMMENDATION SHEET



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The purpose of the House Republican Alliance is to preserve and strengthen the traditional principles and values of the Republican Party through the NH House of Representatives and throughout the state of NH, including fiscal restraint, personal freedom and responsibility, small government, free enterprise and strong families. We offer the following recommendations based on those principles, the Republican Party Platform, and the NH and Federal Constitutions.

Bill Number	Committee	Committee Vote	HRA recommends
House Rule 22(c)	Rules	OTP	ITL
House Rule 63	Rules	OTP	OTP
House Rule 65	Rules	OTP	No Recommendation
Floor Amendment on Majority Leader appointment		ITL	OTP
Floor Amendment on Redress of Grievances		ITL	OTP

WEDNESDAY, January 7

Amend House Rule 22(c), relative to roll call votes.

HRA Analysis: This amendment to House Rules changes the long standing tradition of requiring only 10 members to second a roll call motion. Part 1, Article 8 of the NH Constitution states that "Government...should be open, accessible, accountable and responsive." The Republican Platform states we "Pledge...to lead with integrity."

Making roll call votes more difficult hides accountability. We should have the integrity to clearly state how we voted on important bills.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose the rule change Amendment requiring 20 members to second a roll call motion.

Amend the first sentence of House Rule 63, relative to display of deadly weapons

HRA Analysis: This amendment restores the language of the 2011-2012 House Rules, which acknowledges the right to discretely carry personal firearms within the State House. Part 1, Article 2-a of the NH Constitution states that "All persons shall have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property, and the state." The Republican Platform states "law-abiding citizens...have the right to protect and defend their lives, their families and their property without government infringement."

HRA Recommendation: Support the Amendment

Amend House Rule 65, relative to deadlines

HRA Analysis: This is a housekeeping amendment that updates House deadlines to the 2015 calendar. No Constitution or Platform issues.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Floor Amendment to House Rule 28, relative to majority leaders

HRA Analysis: This amendment establishes the right of the majority party to determine their leaders, as the minority does. The foundation of democracy is to allow citizens to determine their leaders through free and open elections.

HRA Recommendation: Support the Floor Amendment

Floor Amendment to House Rule 30, relative to redress of grievances

HRA Analysis: This amendment would create a Standing Committee to hear citizen concerns regarding their Government. Part 1, Article 32 of the NH Constitution provides that “The people have a right...to request of the legislative body...redress of the wrongs done them, and of the grievances they suffer.” The Republican platform states “Support the constitutional right of citizens to petition the general court for redress of grievances.”

HRA Recommendation: Support the Floor Amendment