

# HOUSE REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE RECOMMENDATION SHEET

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.



## REGULAR CALENDAR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

### ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

**HB 101-FN-A**, relative to industrial hemp and establishing an industrial hemp special program fund. **ITL. Vote 11-7.**

**HRA Analysis:** New Hampshire does not prohibit the growing of hemp. This bill limits individual liberties and creates a bureaucracy to oversee the seed sales, growth and sale of hemp increasing the size and budget cost of the NH Department of Agriculture which violates the Republican Party platform.

**HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.**

### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

**HB 136-FN**, repealing the uniform athlete agents act. **OUGHT TO PASS. . Vote 7-5.**

**HRA Analysis:** The statute RSA 332-J is harmful in that it encourages reliance on the government to protect people from their own decisions. It restricts individual liberties. This bill repeals RSA 332-J.

**HRA Recommendation: Support OTP.**

### FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

**HB 167**, naming the Enfield wildlife management area after former F&G biologist Henry Laramie. **OTP. Vote 15-0.**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill does not violate either the NH Constitution or Republican Party platform.

**HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience.**

### HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

**HB 71**, authorizing establishment of pharmaceutical drug take-back programs. **OUGHT TO PASS. Vote 17-0.**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill allows New Hampshire communities and private entities to establish uncontrolled and controlled drug take-back programs for the purpose of destruction of these agents. It would also help prohibit ground and water aquifer pollution. The NHGOP platform says we will "Deal effectively with waste disposal and pollution."

**HRA Recommendation: Support OTP.**

### STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

**HB 89**, requiring the attorney general to file lawsuits challenging the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's cap and trade program. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. Vote 11-3.**

**HRA Analysis:** The patient protection and affordable care act would result in huge unfunded mandates for New Hampshire, a concern worthy of action by the attorney general. These expensive mandates appear to violate our state sovereignty. A secondary concern was that the patient protection and affordable care act requires that New Hampshire citizens purchase a health care insurance policy against their will, a violation of individual rights that should be opposed. It was verified that there would be no cost to join the lawsuits. Part 2, article 41 of the NH Constitution specifically directs the Governor and by extension the Attorney General, to execute the laws, bring lawsuits supporting the constitution, and not sue the legislature.

**HRA Recommendation: Support OTP with Amendment.**

**HCR 1**, urging the congressional delegation to begin the process for a constitutional amendment establishing that human beings, not corporations, are entitled to constitutional rights. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. Vote: 8-5.**

**HRA Analysis:** This HCR is a thinly veiled attempt to prohibit corporations from donating to candidates during the election process. Corporations are voluntary associations of people. This bill violates of the rights of association and free speech.

**HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.**