

# 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.



## FEBRUARY 15 &16, 2006 REGULAR CALENDAR Special Orders Early Bills

### JUDICIARY

**HB 656**, relative to medical decision making for those adults without capacity to make health care decisions for themselves and establishing procedures for Do Not Resuscitate Orders. MAJ.; OTP W/Amendment. MIN.: ITL. **Vote 15-5.** In present law there are provisions which provide end of life protections for individuals without advance directives. This bill and all amendments remove those protections. Members of the House have worked endless hours to remedy the bill's deficiency. Even the best effort represented by the Rowe -Mooney floor amendment has a provision that allows a doctor or nurse to end the life of a patient arbitrarily. The GOP platform supports and cherishes all life. So do we!!

**Recommendation: Oppose OTP And All Amendments Then Support ITL**

### ELECTION LAW

**HB 1238-FN**, relative to centralized voter registration database information. OTP W/Amendment. **Vote 16-0.** Article 8 states that government should be open and accessible. This bill promotes that openness and an appropriate access to government information by allowing political parties and candidates for elected office access to the statewide voter list.

**Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment.**

**HB 1647-FN**, relative to lowering the legal drinking age for members of the armed forces. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: OTP. **Vote 17-2.**

**No Recommendation**

### MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**HB 1321**, relative to qualifications for police chiefs in towns with populations of more than 3,000. ITL. **Vote 13-0.** This is a local control issue. The bill amounts to unwarranted state meddling in a localities abilities to make democratic choices with regard to personel etc. In a way, the bill would potentially up the cost for localities in the hiring of law enforcement personnel- a back door 28-A issue. **Recommendation : Support ITL**

**HB 1734-FN**, relative to reimbursing towns for the operating expenses of certain railroad passenger facilities. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: OTP. **Vote 11-2.** The GOP platform states we "Encourage the private sector to provide a balanced, safe and environmentally sensitive transportation system to provide greater commuter and commercial access to and within our state." This bill does just the opposite as it promotes the first step towards state takeover of public transportation.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

### PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

**HB 1619-FN**, relative to a certain toll plaza in Merrimack. ITL **Vote 14-1.**

**No Recommendation.**

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 REGULAR CALENDAR – PART I

### COMMERCE

**HB 1414-FN**, relative to the protection of personal information by mandatory notice of security breach. ITL. **Vote 15-0.**

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1660-FN**, regulating identity theft. OTP W/Amendment. **Vote 18-0.** The right to an identity is a fundamental right. The GOP platform promotes "protecting the fundamental rights of the people and enhancing their freedom." We agree.

**Recommendation: Support OTP W/Amendment**

**HB 1702-FN-A**, establishing a New Hampshire health access corporation, continually appropriating a special fund, and allowing the healthy kids corporation to cover adults. ITL **Vote 13-5**. The GOP platform supports “increased use of market forces to provide and improve health care.” Government subsidized healthcare for adults would go against this idea.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1704-FN-A**, establishing a health care fund, continually appropriating a special fund, and requiring certain employers to report certain information to the department of health and human services. ITL **Vote 12-6**. The GOP platform is business friendly and against over regulation of business. This bill would force businesses to adhere to arbitrary government standards.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**HB 1422-FN**, relative to the death penalty. MAJ.:ITL. MIN.: OTP. **Vote 11-7**. THE GOP platform supports “strengthening prosecution and fair enforcement of death penalty laws.” Studies have shown that when the death penalty is abolished, the murder rate goes up.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

### **EDUCATION**

**HB 1241-FN-L**, mandating the inclusion of kindergarten as part of an elementary school. MAJ.: OTPW/Amendment. MIN.: ITL. **Vote 10-4**. The state has dangled the kindergarten carrot for seven years now. There are but a handful of communities without public kindergarten and it is by their own choice. This bill as amended raises the total amount allowed to be bonded from \$29,500,000 to \$31,220,194 adding \$1.7 million in a nonlapsing appropriation while publicly stating no additional dollars are being offered. Since no dollars were spent last year from this fund adding to the kitty is wasteful spending.

**Recommendation :Oppose OTP W/Amendment and support ITL**

**HB 1497-L**, assessing a fine against a school superintendent for late filings of school enrollment information. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 13-3**.

**No recommendation**

**HB 1502**, relative to the use of surplus funds from the education trust fund. ITL. **Vote 12-2**. The GOP platform states that “that low taxes are the result of low spending.” Using this philosophy it just makes sense to use any surplus to offset taxes by prioritizing needs from wants and the freedom to make that choice.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1593-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the construction of high school athletic fields in the town of Bedford. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 14-0**. This bill provides a vehicle for fiscal responsibility by allowing more cost-effective ways to purchase land for school uses.

**Recommendation: Support OTP W/ Amendment**

**HB 1601-FN-L**, relative to the funding of catastrophic special education aid. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 15-0**. This bill promotes fiscal responsibility and moves special education funding in the right direction, from local to state and federal.

**Recommendation: Support OTP W/Amendment**

**HB 1695-FN**, defining an adequate education and relative to calculating the cost of an adequate education and adequate education grants. ITL. **Vote 17-0**. The GOP platform promotes fiscal restraint. Tax & spenders would like nothing better than to define adequate education so they can demand more money.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

### **ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

**HB 1622-FN**, relative to the state recycling program. Refer To Interim Study **Vote 12-2**. We support sending this bill to interim study as one way to stop a state government mandate. **Recommendation: Support Refer to Interim Study.**

### **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 1240-FN**, establishing the position of state ethics officer. MAJ.: OTPW/Amendment. MIN.: Refer For Interim Study. **Vote 15-2**. The GOP platform supports a government that is fully accountable. How can the ethics officer position this bill will allow to be created be accountable with all the questions brought up in the minority blurb. This bill need much more work! **Recommendation: Oppose OTP W/Amendment Support Refer to Interim Study.**

**HB 1739-FN**, relative to body art practitioners. ITL. **Vote 12-4**. The GOP platform opposes “over-regulation of business, particularly with respect to small businesses.”

**Recommendation Support ITL**

**“If it be asked, What is the most sacred duty and the greatest source of our security in a Republic? The answer would be, An inviolable respect for the Constitution and Laws — the first growing out of the last... A sacred respect for the constitutional law is the vital principle, the sustaining energy of a free government.” *Alexander Hamilton***

## HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

**HB 1611-FN**, relative to reimbursement for personal care services. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 17-0**. The GOP platform supports family. The bill as amended enhances the ability of parents to provide at-home care and diminish the possibility of more costly, publicly funded, institutional care.

**Recommendation Support OTPW/Amendment**

**HB 1713-FN**, restricting the over-the-counter sale of pseudoephedrine base and ephedrine base drugs and establishing commission to study the feasibility of an electronic tracking system for sales of pseudoephedrine base and ephedrine base drugs. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 17-0**.

**No Recommendation**

## JUDICIARY

**HB 1221-FN**, relative to recovery of medical assistance from a decedent's estate. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 16-1**. Article 8 states that government should be responsive. This bill will correct a problem with current law.

**Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

**HB 1677-FN**, relative to the annulment of the arrest record of a person found not guilty by a jury. ITL. **Vote 18-0**.

**No Recommendation**

## LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

**HB 1703-FN**, requiring certain employers to report on the percentage of payroll which is being spent on health insurance premiums for employees. MAJ.: OTPW/Amendment. MIN: ITL. **Vote 7-6**. The GOP platform is all about free enterprise. This bill takes government where it has no business going, that direction being arbitrarily dictating what additional reporting businesses must do. **Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment Support ITL**

## MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**HB 1102**, allowing municipalities to adopt a property tax credit for homeowners supporting a disabled adult child in the home. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: OTP. **Vote 12-6**. Article 5 Part Second states: "and to impose and levy proportional and reasonable taxes on all the inhabitants of the state." When we give a tax credit to one, it is paid by another. This is a very slippery slope.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1632**, relative to qualifications for the elderly property tax exemption. ITL. **Vote 14-4**. This bill will take away local control with a state dictate and goes against Article 12.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1698-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to determination of town's share on county taxes. ITL. **Vote 12-4**. This bill has a nebulous cost associated with it which makes it fiscally irresponsible.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1734-FN-A-LOCAL**, establishing a homestead exemption for seniors against the statewide enhanced education tax and a tax cap credit for seniors against local and state property taxes. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: OTP. **Vote 14-5**. Same argument as HB1102

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

## RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

**HB 1737-FN-A**, establishing a beverage fee to be paid by beverage manufacturers and distributors. MAJ.: Refer To Interim Study. MIN.: ITL. **Vote 12-5**. The GOP platform states "We reject higher taxes and excessive government spending with the belief that taxes unfairly erode earnings, contribute to the growth of government and provide disincentives for economic growth." A tax is a tax is a tax! Lets send a clear message to the people.

**NO NEW TAXES!!!**

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

## TRANSPORTATION

**HB 1470**, relative to overweight vehicle permit fees. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 14-0**. An increased fee by any other name is a tax!\_

**Recommendation Oppose OTPW/Amendment. Support ITL**

**HB 1705-FN**, relative to limited driving privileges for certain persons whose licenses have been revoked or suspended. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.:OTP. **Vote 9-4**. Personal responsibility issue here. You've done the crime, now do the time.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

## WAYS AND MEANS

**HB 1457-FN-A-LOCAL**, establishing an electricity transmission utility property tax. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: Refer To Interim Study. **Vote 12-8**. A tax is a tax is a tax!!

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1651-FN-A-LOCAL**, repealing the statewide enhanced education tax. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 16-4**.

**No Recommendation**

**"I'm not going to buy my kids an encyclopedia. Let them walk to school like I did."**

**"Never answer an anonymous letter."**

**"You can observe a lot just by watching"**

*Yogi Berra*

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 SPECIAL ORDERS

### CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

**HB 1557**, establishing guidelines for leaving children home alone and establishing babysitter age guidelines. ITL **Vote 12-1**. Family and personal responsibility issue here. This bill offers way too much government interference in the family. **Recommendation Support ITL**

### ELECTION LAW

**HB 1125**, relative to the filing period for candidates in the presidential primary. MAJ.: OTPW/Amendment. MIN.: ITL. **Vote 15-2**. The GOP Platform states “We advocate the preservation of New Hampshire's First-in-the-Nation Presidential Primary status.” **Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

**HB 1222-FN**, relative to unlawful voting. MAJ.: OTP. MIN.: ITL. **Vote 11-6**. This bill is another good bill to show the seriousness of taking a vote away by voting illegally. It is a personal responsibility issue. If you do the crime, you face the time. **Recommendation: Support OTP**

**HB 1286-FN**, authorizing the secretary of state to initiate recounts. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: OTP. **Vote 11-5**. The election recount policy is probably one of the best systems the state has. If a candidate feels wronged, it is their prerogative to call for a recount, and most elections have their share of recounts. This bill is unnecessary. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

**CACR 31**, relating to the attorney general. Providing that the attorney general be elected for the same term as the governor. ITL. **Vote 17-0**. **No Recommendation**

**HB 1183**, relative to the terms of office for state department commissioners. ITL. **Vote 15-1**. Government shall be accountable to the people. Legislators are able to be replaced every two years so that bad ones can be removed before being able to do too much damage. The same rules for the same reasons should apply to replace bad department commissioner's. **Recommendation: Oppose ITL and support Refer to interim study**

**HB 1456-FN**, relative to licensure of septic system inspectors. ITL. Licensure = over regulation of business which the GOP platform opposes. **Recommendation Support ITL**

### FINANCE

**HB 1108**, relative to the transfer of funds among PAU's within a department. OTP **Vote 22-0**. Allowing transfers without elected oversight is unaccountable government.

**Recommendation: Oppose OTP and support ITL**

**HB 1370**, transferring certain surplus moneys to the revenue stabilization reserve account. MAJ.: OTP. **Vote 13-9**. This bill is a fiscally responsible bill. By placing the surplus in a fund with specific available uses, it would make it more difficult for

free-spending bureaucrats to spend any surplus on special interest. **Recommendation: Support OTP**

**HB 1678-FN-A**, relative to state reimbursement of public safety expenditures made by the town of Plymouth on behalf of Plymouth state university. ITL **Vote 19-1**. The GOP platform states “Supporting local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services.” This is a local control issue and should be resolved locally and without a state dictate. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1716-FN**, relative to state reimbursement for public safety expenditures made by towns on behalf of public higher education residence halls. ITL **Vote 19-1**. The GOP platform states we believe in “limited government, limited spending, limited taxes.” To some there is never enough taxpayer dollars passed around. We agree with the blurb that plenty of tax dollars are spent for public safety and to isolate one expense without including all the benefits of higher education facilities is unfair and misleading. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1724-FN**, relative to compensation and benefits for reserve and national guard members who are state employees. OTP W/ Amendment **Vote 16-7**. The GOP strongly supports our military. The platform states we “respect New Hampshire's honored veterans by ensuring that they receive the benefits that they have rightfully earned and deserve.” **Recommendation: Support OTP W/Amendment**

### FISH AND GAME

**HB 1269**, relative to the taking of red deer or elk. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 9-1**. The GOP platform supports working to prevent over-regulation of business, particularly with respect to small businesses. **Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

**HB 1294**, relative to antique snowmobiles. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 9-1**. **No Recommendation**

“...for it is a truth, which the experience of all ages has attested, that the people are commonly most in danger when the means of ensuring their rights are in the possession of those of whom they entertain the least suspicion.” *Alexander Hamilton*

## **HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS**

**HB 1160**, establishing a committee to study the effects of willful, habitual misconduct by individuals on their subsequent well-being which may impose a burden on public funds. ITL. **Vote 15-0**. This bill interferes with individual liberty, personal responsibility and limited government which are strong GOP platform issues.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1230-FN**, relative to clinical trials for pharmaceuticals. ITL. **Vote 14-0**.

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1318**, relative to prohibiting services for illegal immigrants. ITL. **Vote 15-0**. The Bill addresses the injustice of requiring public funding of social services to individuals who have broken the law and entered the United States illegally. It would deprive illegals of social services while allowing for emergency care and medical assistance. The present arrangement of providing support makes every taxpayer an unwilling conspirator in encouraging illegal immigration.

**Recommendation: Oppose ITL and Support OTP**

**HB 1409-FN**, relative to organ and tissue donation. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 16-0**.

**No Recommendation**

## **JUDICIARY**

**HB 1654-FN**, relative to the probate court mediation fund and fee. OTP **Vote 12-6**. A fee by any other name is a tax. The bill establishes a permanent tax. Permanent funding for any state operation or agency ought not be established in law.

**Recommendation: Oppose OTP and then support ITL**

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**

**HB 1255**, establishing a committee to study improvements to the Amoskeag Street interchange at exit 6 of the F.E. Everett Turnpike. ITL. **Vote 14-0**.

**No Recommendation**

## **RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**HB 1401**, exempting certain all terrain vehicle (ATV) and trail bike trail criteria from the change in use designation of rail trails. ITL **Vote 12-7**.

**No :Recommendation**

## **WAYS AND MEANS**

**CACR 38**, relating to funding for education. Providing that revenue from lotteries and games of chance may only be used for educational purposes. ITL. **Vote 17-1**. The GOP platform opposes new taxes. The bill expands taxing opportunity for the State.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1473-FN-A**, temporarily reducing the road toll. ITL **Vote 18-0**

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1599-FN-A-LOCAL**, reducing the rate of the business profits tax and repealing the business enterprise tax. ITL. **Vote 17-1**. The GOP platform states "Support cutting or eliminating taxes which inhibit enterprise, earnings and savings, such as the Interest and Dividends Tax and the Business Enterprise/Business Profits Tax."

**Recommendation Oppose ITL and then support OTP**

# **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 REGULAR CALENDAR – PART II**

## **FINANCE**

**HB 254-FN**, establishing lifetime licenses for bow and arrow, muzzle loading firearm, and crossbow and bolt licenses. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 14-7**. **No Recommendation**

## **HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS**

**HB 1563**, establishing a committee to study the effects of immigration on the social services system. MAJ.: OTPW/Amendment. MIN.: Refer To Interim Study. **Vote 8-6**. Requiring that taxpayers support illegal behavior is wrong. This bill promises to determine the social cost of accommodating new immigrants in order to be able to appropriately provide services where legitimate.

**Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**.

**HB 1576**, implementing a voluntary Meth Watch program in New Hampshire. ITL **Vote 13-1**.

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1578**, to provide enhanced awareness of and education on methamphetamine to the citizens of New Hampshire. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 17-0**. **No Recommendation**

**“Always vote for principle,  
though you may vote alone,  
and you may cherish the  
sweetest reflection that your  
vote is never lost.” *John Quincy Adams***

## **STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**HB 1437**, establishing a committee to study the effects of current state and federal laws on illegal drugs and the possession and use of such drugs. **OTP Vote 11-1.** The GOP platform supports working to reduce substance abuse through a comprehensive program of education, prevention, rehabilitation, treatment and law enforcement. This bill establishing a committee is intended to shed light on the effectiveness of existing policies and what is actually happening in the war on drugs and offer solutions.

**Recommendation Support OTP.**

### **HB1477 & HCR21**

**No Recommendation.**

**HR 22**, urging Congress to promote and publicize the report to the Congress of the United States entitled "A Review of the Restrictions on Persons of Italian Ancestry During World War II." **ITL Vote 7-3.** Japanese Americans were not the only minority to be discriminated against during World War II because of their origin nation's warring against United States. There has been an unwillingness on the part of the Federal Government to publicize the extent of prejudice and governmental acts against Italian-Americans during this time-frame. In the interest of fairness toward all those in New Hampshire of Italian American descent, and taking into consideration previous recognition of abuses against other discriminated minorities by the Federal Government during World War II - it is indeed appropriate to demand that the Federal Government recognize and publicize abuses against Italian Americans. Republicans oppose arbitrary government.

**Recommendation Oppose ITL - Support OTP**

## **WAYS AND MEANS**

**HB 1319-FN-A**, decreasing the rate of the tobacco tax. **ITL Vote 12-1.**

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1693-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to funding an adequate education. **ITL Vote 15-5.** This bill promotes expanded gambling. The GOP platform Opposes casino and video-lottery gambling as means of raising government revenue.

**Recommendation Support ITL.**

### ***Ronald Reagan From The 1976 Republican National Convention.***

Whether it is different this time than it has ever been before, I believe the Republican Party has a platform that is a banner of bold, unmistakable colors, with no pastel shades. We have just heard a call to arms based on that platform, and a call to us to really be successful in communicating and reveal to the American people the difference between this platform and the platform of the opposing party, which is nothing but a revamp and a reissue and a running of a late, late show of the thing that we have been hearing from them for the last 40 years. If I could just take a moment; I had an assignment the other day. Someone asked me to write a letter for a time capsule that is going to be opened in Los Angeles a hundred years from now, on our Tricentennial.

It sounded like an easy assignment. They suggested I write something about the problems and the issues today. I set out to do so, riding down the coast in an automobile, looking at the blue Pacific out on one side and the Santa Ynez Mountains on the other, and I couldn't help but wonder if it was going to be that beautiful a hundred years from now as it was on that summer day.

Then as I tried to write--let your own minds turn to that task. You are going to write for people a hundred years from now, who know all about us. We know nothing about them. We don't know what kind of a world they will be living in. And suddenly I thought to myself if I write of the problems, they will be the domestic problems the President spoke of here tonight; the challenges confronting us, the erosion of freedom that has taken place under Democratic rule in this country, the invasion of private rights, the controls and restrictions on the vitality of the great free economy that we enjoy. These are our challenges that we must meet.

And then again there is that challenge of which he spoke that we live in a world in which the great powers have poised and aimed at each other horrible missiles of destruction, nuclear weapons that can in a matter of minutes arrive at each other's country and destroy, virtually, the civilized world we live in. And suddenly it dawned on me, those who would read this letter a hundred years from now will know whether those missiles were fired. They will know whether we met our challenge. Whether they have the freedoms that we have known up until now will depend on what we do here. Will they look back with appreciation and say, "Thank God for those people in 1976 who headed off that loss of freedom, who kept us now 100 years later free, who kept our world from nuclear destruction"? And if we failed, they probably won't get to read the letter at all because it spoke of individual freedom, and they won't be allowed to talk of that or read of it. This is our challenge; we have got to quit talking to each other and about each other and go out and communicate to the world that we may be fewer in numbers than we have ever been, but we carry the message they are waiting for.

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