

# House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

“TRUST BUT VERIFY”

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 21, 2007 - REGULAR CALENDAR

### HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

**HB 140**, reestablishing the New Hampshire task force on deafness and hearing loss. **MAJORITY: OTP W/AMENDMENT. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 18-1.** **No Recommendation**

**HB 288**, requiring the commissioner of the department of health and human services to apply for public and private grant funding for drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs. **MAJORITY: ITL. MINORITY: OTP. Vote 14-5** **No Recommendation**

### PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

**CACR 4**, relating to funding for public transportation. Providing that revenues from the operation of motor vehicles or the sale or consumption of motor vehicle fuel may be used for public transportation. **ITL. Vote 16-0.** This constitutional amendment would change Part 2, Article 6a of the NH Constitution to allow fund from fuel taxes to be used for public transportation in addition to the presently allowed highways and bridges. The Platform commits the party to “work to improve our highways.” The platform also “encourage(s) the private sector to provide a balanced, safe and environmentally sensitive transportation system.” While sympathetic to public transportation needs, the effort needs to come from the private sector. The highway system, being a public endeavor, must take priority.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 168**, expanding the purposes of the wildflower establishment program. **OTP. Vote 16-0.** Bill allows for planting greater variety of plants along highways. No funding increase. The Platform “promote(s) preserving open space (and) scenic vistas.”

**Recommendation: Support OTP.**

### STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

**HB 180-FN**, relative to pay and allowances for officers and enlisted members of the national guard. **OTP. Vote 11-3.** The Republican Party Platform “respects New Hampshire's honored veterans by ensuring that they receive the benefits that they...deserve.”

**Recommendation: Support OTP**

**HB 181-FN-A**, establishing a tuition voucher program for New Hampshire national guard members and making an appropriation therefor. **OTP W/AMENDMENT. Vote 14-0.** The Republican Party Platform “respects New Hampshire's honored veterans by ensuring that they receive the benefits that they...deserve.”

**Recommendation: Support OTP W/Amendment**

### TRANSPORTATION

**HB 55**, relative to required use of tail lamps. **MAJORITY: ITL. MINORITY: OTP. Vote 12-5.** The Republican Party Platform promotes “a limited government...without interfering in their (the citizens) personal lives.” This bill would unnecessarily add an additional governmental intrusion without sufficient societal benefit.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

## House Bill Score Board

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Bills Down</b>    | <b>Bills To Go</b>          |
| <b>63</b>            | <b>829</b>                  |
| <b>LSRs Entered*</b> | <b>LSRs w/Bill Numbers*</b> |
| <b>892</b>           | <b>719</b>                  |

\*As of 2/17, From <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/ns/lsrsearch/>