

House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

For February 23, 2005 House Session

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 23, 2005 REGULAR CALENDAR

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 46-FN, relative to penalties for first-time DWI offenders. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT
Vote 14-2. No Recommendation

EDUCATION

HB 76, revising the process of charter school approval by the state board of education. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. **Vote 11-8 (11R) (7D 1R)**. The platform supports education based on excellence, and further states, "Only parents can be entrusted to control the education of their children and choose schools that best suit their children's needs." If a parent chooses to send their child to a charter school, the district should have to pay for that education in a timely manner. **Recommendation- Support OTP**

JUDICIARY.

CACR 2, relating to the appointment of judges. Providing that judges shall be appointed to 5-year terms of office which may be renewed. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. **Vote 17-1**. The platform states, "Support the reasonable and periodic oversight of judicial officers, including reasonable term limitations for judges." Read the blurb and determine if this is the way to accomplish the platform intent.

No Recommendation-Vote your conscience.

HB 427, repealing common law marriage. MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. **Vote 17-5. No Recommendation**

MUNICIPAL & COUNTY GOVERNMENT

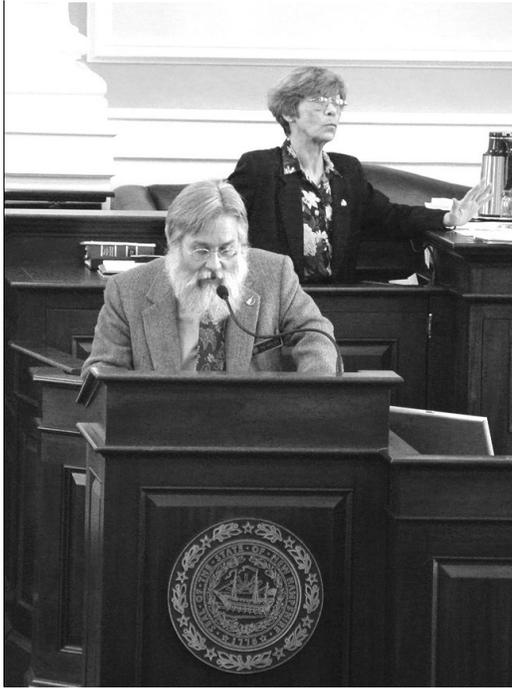
HB 83, repealing the obligation to provide persons applying for a marriage license with a list of family planning services and with brochures on fetal alcohol syndrome and the human immunodeficiency virus. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. **Vote 14-4**. All information required to be handed out by city clerks and verified received by an affidavit is readily available through other sources. Duplication of services is not efficient government. **Recommendation Support OTP with Majority Amendment.**

HB 407-FN-L, relative to licensing of dogs. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. **Vote 12-4**. The law requires all dogs to be licensed. This is another attempt by those who know they have a captive audience to increase taxes on them. **Recommendation- Oppose OTP and then support ITL**

PUBLIC WORKS & HIGHWAYS

HB 304-FN-A, relative to federal highway grant anticipation bonds. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. **Vote 14-1. No Recommendation**

HB 603-FN-A, relative to the state's purchase of the Laconia district courthouse building and making an appropriation therefor. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. **Vote 11-2. No Recommendation**



Rep Paul Ingbretson takes a turn at the well

Ronald Reagan Quotes

From A Time For Choosing

“Those who would trade our freedom for the soup kitchen of the welfare state have told us that they have a utopian solution of peace without victory. They call their policy "accommodation." And they say if we only avoid any direct confrontation with the enemy, he will forget his evil ways and learn to love us. All who oppose them are indicted as warmongers. They say we offer simple answers to complex problems. Well, perhaps there is a simple answer--not an easy answer--but simple.

If you and I have the courage to tell our elected officials that we want our national policy based upon what we know in our hearts is morally right. We cannot buy our security, our freedom from the threat of the bomb by committing an immorality so great as saying to a billion now in slavery behind the Iron Curtain, "Give up your dreams of freedom because to save our own skin, we are willing to make a deal with your slave masters." Alexander Hamilton said, "A nation which can prefer disgrace to danger is prepared for a master, and deserves one." Let's set the record straight. There is no argument over the choice between peace and war, but there is only one guaranteed way you can have peace--and you can have it in the next second--surrender.”

“Historically, the best way to convert liberals is to have them move out of their parent’s home, get a job, and start paying taxes.” Anne Colter

“Each branch of the legislature as well as the governor and council shall have authority to require the opinions of the justices of the supreme court upon important questions of law and upon solemn occasions.” N.H. Constitution Part Second Article 74

“When any court violates the clean and unambiguous language of the Constitution, a fraud is perpetrated and no one is bound to obey it.” -- (See 16 Ma. Jur. 2d 177, 178) State v. Sutton, 63 Minn. 147, 65 NW 262, 30 L.R.A. 630 Am. St. 459.

“To disregard such a deliberate choice of words and their natural meaning, would be a departure from the first principle of constitutional interpretation.” Holmes v. Jennison, 14 U.S. 540, 570-1,

2005-2006 REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM

The Judiciary

New Hampshire's independent and impartial judiciary, as one of the three separate and independent branches of government, is entrusted with the protection of the constitutionally and otherwise guaranteed legal rights of the people. To ensure that the first priority of our judiciary is to serve the people's needs by expediting justice and ensuring fairness, we will:

Support the traditional role of the judiciary in interpreting the constitutional and statutory rights of individuals and organizations.

Support the appointment of judges who recognize their proper and limited interpretive role in our constitutional system.

Seek to extend the Right-to-Know Law to the non-adjudicatory functions of the judicial branch.

Support the reasonable and periodic oversight of judicial officers, including reasonable term limitations for judges.

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