

House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

For March 9, 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.



MARCH 9, 2005 REGULAR CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 450-FN-A extending the commission to study child support and related child custody issues. **O T P W/AMENDMENT Vote 14-3** The platform states “We place our highest priority on promoting and preserving the family.” Children need both parents even if they are divorced. **Recommendation - Support OTP**

HB 470-FN-A, relative to the annual funding of placement costs for juvenile diversion and alternative disposition programs. **OTP Vote 16-1.** These programs save money in the long run. **Recommendation - Support OTP**

HB 662-FN-A, OTP W/ AMENDMENT Vote 12-5. **No Recommendation**

COMMERCE

HB 623-FN, OTP W/ AMENDMENT Vote 13-6

No Recommendation

EDUCATION

HB 219, relative to permitting audio and video recording on school buses. **MAJ.: OTP W/AMENDMENT. MIN.: ITL. Vote 13-3.** This bill is a major assault on our fourth amendment and will legalize searches and seizures of oral communication of children. The Education Committee does not have expertise in criminal code. This bill should have had joint hearings with the Criminal Law Committee. It did not!

Recommendation - Oppose OTP and then Support ITL
ELECTION LAW

HB 276, ITL Vote 11-4.

No Recommendation

HB 339, OTP W/Amendment Vote 12-4.

No Recommendation

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 669-FN, OTP Vote 12-6.

No Recommendation

FINANCE

HB-103-FN-A, ITL Vote 21-0.

No Recommendation

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 399-FN, relative to the Informed Consent for Abortion Act. **MAJ: ITL. Vote 9-7.**

All life is precious. Why would the opposition want to keep the woman in the dark? A decision so important as taking the life of an unborn child should be thought through with complete information. We strongly support giving the mother an additional 24 hours to think about it.

Recommendation - Oppose ITL Then Support OTP W/amendment

HB 574-FN, OTP W/ AMENDMENT.

No Recommendation

JUDICIARY.

HB 79, relative to protective orders in domestic violence cases. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP W/AMENDMENT. Vote 16-3.** The constitution requires equal protection of the law. This bill as written fails to equally protect both parties in a domestic court order. The minority amendment will protect either party from entrapment.

Recommendation Oppose ITL Then Support OTP W/Amendment

HB 302, MAJ: OTP W/AMENDMENT. MIN ITL. Vote 16-2. No Recommendation

HB 686-FN, OTP W/ AMENDMENT Vote 14-3. This bill unnecessarily expands the court system by creating a separate division (More money-No fiscal note) reporting to the Supreme Court and an unconstitutional provision which restricts the Governor and Council’s ability to nominate and appoint judges to the family court.

Recommendation Oppose OTP/W amendment Support ITL

HB 698-FN OTP W/ AMENDMENT Vote 15-4.

No Recommendation

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 633-FN-A, relative to companies which do not provide health insurance to their employees appropriating a special fund. **MAJ: ITL Vote 10-5. Mandates** add cost to doing business. **Recommendation - Support ITL**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 218-FN-L, relative to the apportionment of county taxes to municipalities. **MAJ: ITL. Vote 8-7.**

The bill allows for the creation of progressive taxation. The constitution requires reasonable and proportional taxation. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Recommendation - Support ITL

HB 370, MAJ: ITL. Vote 13-4.

No Recommendation

HB 651-FN-L, relative to federal lien registration. **MAJ: OTP W/ AMENDMENT. Vote 12-5.**

This bill as written will move property lien issues with the IRS from local resolution to a remote and large state bureaucracy. It will increase time and cost to our constituents in their fight for their rights.

Recommendation Oppose OTP w/Amendment Support ITL

HB 670-FN-A, relative to a surcharge on recording documents to fund the land and community heritage investment program. **MAJ: OTP W/AMENDMENT. Vote 15-1. The** party platform supports land conservation. It also supports fiscal responsibility. Ways & Means announced approximately \$290 million less in revenue than in the Governor's budget. Where will the difference be made up?

Recommendation -Vote your conscience

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 78-FN-LOCAL, relative to state funding of regional voc. ed. centers. **MAJ:OTP W/AMENDMENT Vote 15-3. This** bill is a fiscally responsible bill.

Recommendation - Support OTP W/Amendment

HB 604-FN, relative to discounts in electronic toll collection. **MAJ:OTP W/ AMENDMENT Vote 14-0.**

Listen to the floor fight

No Recommendation

HB 625-FN-L, OTP W/ AMENDMENT Vote 14-0.

No Recommendation

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 655-FN-A, increasing the boat registration fee for public boat access and exotic aquatic weed control. **MAJ. ITL Vote 13-4. A** fee increase is another word for a tax!

Recommendation- Support ITL

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 57, relative to the burning of construction and demolition debris. **MAJ: ITL. Vote 11-4.**

Our platform states to "deal effectively with waste disposal and pollution." **Recommendation- Support ITL**

HB 190, relative to the installation of continuous emission monitoring systems on stationary air pollution sources and devices. **MAJ: ITL. Vote 10-3. Keeping** NH the best place to do business includes protecting business from unnecessary mandates.

Recommendation- Support ITL

HB 438, relative to emissions requirements for municipal waste combustion units. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 9-6. Another** attempt at implementing costly mandates.

Recommendation- Support ITL

WAYS AND MEANS

CACR 13, relating to prohibiting an income tax. Providing that no tax on personal income shall be levied by the state of New Hampshire. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 17-1. This** bill is your best opportunity to show your constituents how you feel about an income tax. **Seven** out of ten people in the state oppose an income tax. The party platform strongly opposes an income tax by stating, "we believe inmaintaining a locally controlled tax system."

Recommendation- Oppose ITL and Support OTP.

HB 622-FN-A, est. an income tax. **ITL Vote 16-3. Are you kidding me!!** **Recommendation- Support ITL**

CONSENT CALENDAR

HB98 Relative to law enforcement authority under the safe schools Act. **OTP W/Amendment 12-1.**

This bill as amended ignores recent examples where chiefs of police were prejudicial. Accordingly, this bill as amended threatens the right- to- carry by removing accountability of elected officials and placing the authority to permit with unelected, unaccountable officials. **Recommendation-Oppose OTPW/Amendment- Support ITL**

HB645 -FN Relative to fire-safe cigarettes **OTP. This** bill restrains trade and reduces revenue.

Recommendation- Oppose OTP then Support ITL.

HB451-FN LOCAL Requiring the separate preparation and approval process for the special education budget.

ITL Vote 16-0 The party platform states, "we demand that the federal government fully fund its commitment to special education mandates under the IDEA." The goal of the floor amendment is to require to break out the special ed costs in a school district so that pressure can be brought to bear on the federal govt. to fully fund special ed cost.

Recommendation -Oppose ITL and then Support OTP W/Floor Amendment.

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