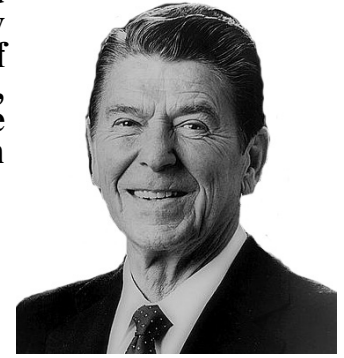


# House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

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.



**MARCH 7, 8, & 9, 2006 REGULAR CALENDAR**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7, SPECIAL ORDERS**

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

**HB 1335**, relative to the authority of law enforcement officers during a state of emergency. OTP W/Amendment **Vote 19-1.** **No Recommendation**

**HB 1639-FN**, prohibiting the confiscation of lawfully owned and lawfully carried firearms during a state of emergency. ITL **Vote 13-5.** The GOP platform states we : "Believe in the rights of law-abiding citizens to own firearms to defend themselves, their families and their property; support Part I, Article 2-a of the New Hampshire Constitution allowing law-abiding citizens the right to keep and bear arms; oppose passage of local, state or federal laws and/or regulations that violate this fundamental right." **Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP**

## JUDICIARY

**HB 1193-FN**, directing the secretary of state to remove certain language from the text of Part II, Article 73-a of the New Hampshire constitution. ITL. **Vote 15-4.** Adding the unratified sentence to Article 73-a has resulted in a momentous alteration of the separation of powers between the judicial and legislative branches. Section 10 of the GOP platform refers to the need to amend Part II, Section 73-a of the New Hampshire Constitution in order to restore the traditional role of our General Court as New Hampshire's supreme legislative authority.

**Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP**

**HB 1266**, relative to acceptance of consular identification documents. ITL **Vote 13-5**

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1322**, relative to the establishment of allodial rights. **Vote 13-0** ITL

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1641-FN**, establishing a common law court. ITL **Vote 13-0**

**No Recommendation**

## STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

**HCR 25**, urging the United States to withdraw funding for the United Nations if the United Nations adopts a resolution in violation of the United States Constitution. OTP. **Vote 9-1.** The NHHRA strongly supports the New Hampshire & Federal constitutions.

**Recommendation: Support OTP**

## WAYS & MEANS

**HB 1628**, relative to expenses of operating bingo games. ITL **Vote 20-0.** This bill appears to support free enterprise and free will. If the charity wishes to opt out of collecting 7% of the winnings for themselves in order to have a bigger payout, why shouldn't they be given that option? **Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP**

**HB 1638-FN-A**, reducing the rate of the communications services tax. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: OTP. **Vote 17-2.**

With projected budget surpluses, it is time to look at reducing taxes. This bill will reduce a tax on land-line phones. The reduction in this regressive tax will benefit the elderly and those that live in rural areas. The GOP platform supports lowering taxes and this bill is fiscally responsible as it is revenue neutral in that it may actually encourage people to keep land lines.

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

**HB 1699-FN-A-LOCAL**, establishing a tax on fees charged by railroad companies for transiting of cargo over, under, or across railroad rights-of-way. ITL **Vote 18-1.** A tax is a tax is a tax **Recommendation: Support ITL**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7 REGULAR CALENDAR**

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

**HB 1229-FN**, prohibiting the use of false documentation for employment, government services, or permits. ITL **Vote 12-2.** The provisions of the bill would allow for better governance, more accurate accountability and demand personal responsibility in the presentation of documentation. Recent news headlines like the uncovering in Nashua of a document counterfeit operation are an example of why such legislation is needed.

**Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP**

## **EDUCATION**

**HB 1525**, relative to the safety of school bus stops. ITL. **Vote 11-4**. The GOP platform supports “Local control of education policy.” We also agree with the majority blurb. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HJR 21**, urging UNH to restore intercollegiate baseball and softball. OTP **Vote 9-3** The GOP platform states that part of the New Hampshire Advantage is “The top national performance rating of New Hampshire's students as well as the national reputation of our private colleges, University System and Community Technical Colleges.” However, in the past UNH policy has prevented New Hampshire students from being able to attend UNH if they wish to continue their baseball and softball career, despite the fact that large amounts of private money has been offered to UNH to bring back these programs. The use of private money keeps this bill within the platform principle of fighting to keep burdensome tuition rates down. As a tax-payer funded institution UNH should be more receptive to the needs of the people of New Hampshire. **Recommendation: Support OTP**

## **ELECTION LAW**

**HB 1403**, re: to explanations of proposed CACR’s appearing on the ballot. OTP **Vote 11-3** **No Recommendation**

## **ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

**HB 1123**, requiring equestrian helmets for first-time riders. ITL **Vote 9-3**. We agree with the blurb. This is a matter of personal responsibility rather than a legislature issue. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1130**, relative to the definition of necessary shelter for dogs. ITL **Vote 12-5**.

Personal responsibility issue and government needn’t go there either.

**Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1265**, re: council relationship between pub. health and envir. OTPW/Amend. **Vote 8-3**. **No Recommendation**

**HB 1333**, relative to solid waste reduction goals. OTP W/Amendment. **Vote 11-2** **No Recommendation**

**HB 1373**, establishing a commission to study ways to encourage the proper recycling and disposal of grease trap wastes and to determine ways to develop additional disposal capacity. OTP W/Amendment **Vote 13-1**. **No Recommendation**

**HB 1433**, establishing a committee to study secured landfills. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 14-3** **No Recommendation**

**HB 1551**, establishing a committee to study incentives for reducing consumer solid waste for disposal in landfills and incinerators. Refer For Interim Study. **Vote 9-4**. **No Recommendation**

**HB 1594-FN**, re: animal population control program. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 14-3**. **No Recommendation**

**HCR 24**, a resolution supporting the increased production of renewable energy by the agricultural community. ITL **Vote 14-0**. **No Recommendation**

**The Republican form of Government is the highest form of government; but because of this it requires the highest type of human nature--a type nowhere at present existing.**

*Essays* ((1891)) vol. 3 'The Americans' Herbert Spenser

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

**HB 1741-FN**, relative to reporting requirements concerning infections in hospitals. OTP W/Amendment. **Vote 13-4**. The GOP platform supports open government, and greater public accountability and states “We will work to provide citizen access to the information necessary to make informed health care decisions.” This bill clearly falls into that category. **Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

**HB 1714-FN**, relative to an electronic controlled drug prescription monitoring program. OTP W/Amendment. **Vote 11-7**. The GOP platform states that we will work to reduce substance abuse This bill will help accomplish that goal Based on valid concerns for privacy, Floor Amendment 2006-1267h was introduced, which addresses the privacy concerns by requiring all data submitted by the private pharmacies to the oversight body (all private sector professionals, plus a member from the Attorney General's office), to be de-identified as a condition of availability to that oversight body. **Recommendation: Support OTPW/Floor Amendment #2006-1267**

## **JUDICIARY**

**CACR 36**, relating to the rulemaking authority of the supreme court. Providing that the supreme court may adopt rules, that the general court may regulate these matters by statute, and that in the event of a conflict between a statute and a rule, the statute, if otherwise valid, shall prevail over the rule. ITL **Vote 16-4**. **No Recommendation**

**HB 1565**, re: evictions involving domestic violence. OTP W/Amend. **Vote 15-1**. **No Recommendation**

**HB 1761**, Exempting vacation rentals from reg. as a tenancy and extending the committee to study the appeals process between landlords and tenants, established in 2005. OTP W/Amendment. **Vote 19-1**. This bill is both a personal responsibility issue and a property rights issue. **Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

**LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES**

**HB 1194**, re: job protection for vol. emergency personnel. OTP W/Amend. **Vote 15-0.**

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1564**, prohibiting mandatory tip charges for small parties. ITL **Vote 14-0.**

**No Recommendation**

**LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

**CACR 37**, relating to the Legislature. Providing that compensation shall be based on present value. OTP. **Vote 7-4.** Low taxes are the result of low spending. This bill is a tremendous spending increase.

**Recommendation: Oppose OTP Then Support ITL**

**MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**HB 1141**, relative to innovative land use controls. ITL. **Vote 15-1.**

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1342**, relative to the development of land and cutting of trees on land surrounding burial grounds and cemeteries. ITL **Vote 13-3.** Government meddling with property owners. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1345**, establishing a commission to study community relations between the town of Plymouth and Plymouth state university. ITL. **Vote 8-6** Local issue that should be dealt with locally. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1629-FN-L**, re: prop. reval. sched. in towns and cities- review by the DRA ITL. **Vote 13-1** **No Recommendation**

**PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**

**HB 1343**, establishing a committee to study the administration and jurisdiction of the council on resources and development. OTP W/Amendment. **Vote 12-0.**

**No Recommendation**

**"Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide." - John Adams**

**RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**HB 1603-FN**, relative to administration and enforcement by the division of forests and lands over forest resources and timber harvesting. OTP W/Amendment. **Vote 14-3.** The GOP platform strongly opposes this type of legislation which is all about increased government regulations on private business.

**Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment and then support ITL**

**STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**HB 1666-FN-A**, authorizing a memorandum of understanding between state and local law enforcement and the United States Department of Homeland Security regarding immigration enforcement and making an appropriation therefor. ITL. **Vote 9-2.** The GOP platform under IX Law and Order states: Develop and implement a comprehensive Homeland Security Program for New Hampshire consistent with the Federal Homeland Security Department plan. This bill is a step in that direction and will increase public safety and effectiveness of immigration enforcement .

**Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support Refer For Interim Study**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 REGULAR CALENDAR**

**COMMERCE**

**HB 1452-FN**, requiring insurance coverage for the cost of testing for bone marrow donation. OTP W/Amendment **Vote 14-4.** This bill is another mandate to what insurance companies must cover. Insurance costs are skyrocketing and this bill is a good example why. If passed, it will only exacerbate the problem by raising the cost to do business which only gets passed on to the consumer. **Recommendation: Oppose OTP W/Amendment Then Support ITL**

**EDUCATION**

**HB 1707-FN-A-L**, establishing a school choice certificate program. OTP W/Amendment **Vote 11-9.** This bill is all about empowering parents and school choice and came out of committee by a party line vote. The GOP platform states: Educating the citizens of New Hampshire is our hope for the future of this great state. We believe that New Hampshire must provide its children an education based upon excellence. We recognize parents as first and primary teachers. We oppose state interference with parental rights and believe that:

Only parents can be entrusted to control the education of their children and choose schools that best suit their children's needs.

Laws should be implemented to encourage school choice and competition and allow all parents to choose the best public, private, charter or home school program for their children.

School vouchers or tuition tax credits should be made available to assist in school choice.

**Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment then Support Hess Amendment if offered**

**HB 1766**, relative to the duties of the state board of education concerning educating pupils on AIDS and venereal diseases. MAJ: ITL **Vote 10-4**. This bill brings news and information to light that many don't want to hear and that is that there is a huge increase of sexually transmitted diseases among our youth. During testimony the word epidemic was used several times by representatives from the Dept. of Education. The GOP platform encourages "working to develop and teach a curriculum that emphasizes personal responsibility and consequences for one's actions." To get the right information out there by those required to evaluate sexually transmitted diseases would be a good start  
**Recommendation: Oppose ITL Then Support OTP**

### **ELECTION LAW**

**CACR 41**, relating to representative districts. Providing that representative districts shall be apportioned according to specified standards. OTP W/Amendment **Vote 16-0**. **No Recommendation**

**HB 1566**, relative to the definitions of resident for motor vehicle law purposes and domicile for voting purposes. MAJ.: OTP W/Amendment **Vote 12-4**. Personal responsibility. **Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

### **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 1711-FN**, relative to the regulation of fuel gas fitters OTP W/Amendment **Vote 10-3**. This bill will require a bureaucrat, not in the heating business, to interfere and oversee said business. The GOP platform states we support "working to prevent over-regulation of business, particularly with respect to small businesses."

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

**"The true foundation of republican government is the equal right of every citizen in his person and property and in their management." - Thomas Jefferson**

**"There are many men of principle in both parties in America, but there is no party of principle."  
- Alexis de Tocqueville**

### **JUDICIARY**

**CACR 30**, relating to limits on the taking of private property. Providing that eminent domain shall not be used to transfer ownership of real property for private use or economic development. OTP W/Amendment. **Vote 11-9**. Property rights are the foundation of our economic system. States, cities and towns are greatly expanding the interpretation of "public benefit" to include taking private (residential) properties and turning them over to development corporations for commercial or industrial projects that generate much higher tax revenues. The absence of clear language in the NH Constitution leaves interpretation of "public use" open to judicial interpretation. There is growing pressure to expand the case law definition of "public use" as population density drives development. This amendment prevents any eminent domain taking for purposes of transferring property from one private party to another on the grounds that the public will benefit from development or other private use of the property. Our country was founded on rights of property. Article 2 of the NH Constitution states a certain natural, essential and inherent right is the right of acquiring, possessing and protecting property. We agree.

**Recommendation: Support Committee Amendment 2006-0982, then support OTP/A.**

**If the Committee Amendment fails, support Floor Amendment 2006-1249h, then support OTP/A.**

**HB 1224-FN**, establishing reciprocity for liability limitations on claims against the state and against foreign jurisdictions. ITL **Vote 15-5**. **No Recommendation**

**HB 1492**, Granting immunity from liability to pharmacists who refuse to dispense an emergency contraceptive pill. ITL **Vote 17-3**. This bill reinforces Part 4 of the NH constitution Rights of Conscience in that it protects pharmacists who have a moral objection to dispensing pills that in some instances abort a fetus.

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

**HB 1768-FN**, relative to the corporate purposes of the New Hampshire Bar Association and the regulation of attorneys by the supreme court. OTP W/Amendment **Vote 13-7**. This bill is all about free and open government. It removes from current law, mandatory membership in a private organization, not subject to Right-to know laws as a requirement to hold state appointed positions, and approval requirement for the public defender program.

**Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

**HB 1770**, requiring the state to obtain a warrant for telephone and wireless telephone subscriber or customer information and billing records. ITL. **Vote 14-5**. This is a privacy issue and is covered under Article 19 of the NH Constitution Searches and Seizures Regulated which states "every subject hath a right to be secure from all unreasonable searches and seizures of his person, his house, **his papers** and all his possessions. For law enforcement be able to get phone records without showing probable cause and obtaining a search warrant goes directly against Article 19.

**Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP**

**LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES**

**HB 1133**, establishing the employee civic duty act. Refer For Interim Study **Vote 11-4**

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1310**, relative to strikes by public employees. ITL **Vote 11-3**

**No Recommendation**

**LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 1762**, extending a committee and adding a certain duty relative to pharmacy reimbursement. Without recommendation **No Recommendation**

**MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**HB 1117**, relative to the economic development section of a master plan. ITL **Vote 12-4**. The GOP platform under economic development states we are for “working to prevent over-regulation of business, particularly with respect to small businesses.” It can be argued that over-regulation of zoning laws got us here in the first place, adding more will only make it worse. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1379**, relative to the investment of trust funds. ITL. **Vote 10-6** The minority blurb has merit if, in fact, it was supported in testimony by the Attorney General’s Office. Also, if towns and municipalities are overriding the intent of these bequeathed properties and in many instances the trustees do not agree but the town government still moves forward and changes the land use or sells the property and the public does not have to be informed of these changes, then it needs fixing. Listen to the floor debate **No Recommendation**

**HB 1527**, allowing municipalities to establish local community services and care planning boards. ITL. **Vote 13-4**. The GOP platform supports “limited government and volunteerism.” This bill would allow for the creation of government bureaucracies to oversee volunteerism. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

**PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**

**HB 1426**,granting a right-of-way to use certain parcels of state-owned land.OTPW/Amend.**Vote 8-6. No Recommendation**

**RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**HB 1168**, establishing a commission to determine how to optimize boating safety on water bodies. OTPW/Amendment 13-4. The GOP platform supports limited government. This bill creates a bureaucracy and grows government when the issue of boater safety can and should be covered by existing authorities.

**Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment then Support ITL**

**HB 1324**, relative to leasing the Cannon Mountain ski area. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 14-3 No Recommendation**

**HB 1494**, relative to public use of groundwater. ITL **Vote 14-3 No Recommendation**

**HB 1519**, relative to all-terrain vehicle and trail bike trails. ITL **Vote 11-4 No Recommendation**

**HB 1541**, req. appl. for groundwater withdrawal per.comply with loc. ord. ITL **Vote 13-3 No Recommendation**

**HB1609-FN**, req. impact study before groundwater withdrawal per.iss.OTPW/Amend. **Vote13-5 No Recommendation**

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY**

**HB 1531**, establishing a commission to study implementing the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) program. ITL. **Vote 9-7** This bill is another attempt to increase bureaucracy. Additionally, RGGI, if adopted, will increase electric rates, energy costs and prevent NH from dealing effectively with pollution issues, which are GOP platform issues. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1756**,relative to alternative reg. of small incum. loc.al exc. carriers. OTPW/Amend. **Vote 11-5 No Recommendation**

**STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**HJR 25**, encouraging the U. S. Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution concerning eminent domain. OTP. **Vote 6-5** Our country was founded on rights of property. Article 2 of the NH Constitution states a certain natural, essential and inherent right is the right of acquiring ,possessing and protecting property. We agree.

**Recommendation: Support OTP**

**WAYS AND MEANS**

**HB 1243-FN**, reducing certain fines for motor vehicle violations. ITL **Vote12-7** .We agree with the minority blurb in that one way to “put a stop to this odious practice of backdoor, midnight tax increases is to sunset the increases and then let them go through proper legislative procedures with the proper public hearings and determination by the proper House committee.” We are a constitutional representative republic not an oligarchy

**Recommendation: Oppose ITL and then Support OTP W/Amendment**

“Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that has”

-Margaret Meade

**HB 1329-FN-A-LOCAL**, repealing the provision allowing operators to retain 3 percent of meals and rooms taxes collected. **ITL Vote 15-6** This bill is an attempt to deprive NH businesses of the full 3% compensation granted to them for the work of collection the room and meals tax for the state. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1612-FN**, relative to the use of lottery revenue as purses for horse and dog racing. **ITL 14-6** The minority blurb states that “Art. 6-b, Part I of the New Hampshire Constitution clearly requires all monies from the state lottery to be used exclusively for the school districts of the state, and there is no justification to make a direct grant to a particular industry.” We agree!! **Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP**

**“We contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.”**

*Winston Churchill*

**“If you have an important point to make, don't try to be subtle or clever. Use a pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time -- a tremendous whack.”**

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 9 REGULAR CALENDAR**

### **COMMERCE**

**HB 1177**, prohibiting smoking in restaurants and cocktail lounges. **OTP W/Amendment Vote 14-3**. This bill is a government knows best bill. History has proven that prohibition only takes away freedom. We strongly urge that this type of legislation be opposed. **Recommendation: Oppose OTP W/Amendment then Support ITL**

**HB 1295**, regarding brake shift interlock by auto dealers. Refer For Interim Study **Vote 18-0**. **No Recommendation**

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

**HB 1649-FN**, including "unborn child" in the definition of "another" for the purpose of first and second degree murder, manslaughter, and negligent homicide. **ITL Vote 8-5**. The GOP platform states that “the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed upon.” **Recommendation :Oppose ITL then Support OTP**

### **EDUCATION**

**HB 1314**, relative to an adult roles and responsibilities curriculum. **ITL Vote 8-7** This bill is a leftover from the failed GOALS 2000 program. It opens the door for government schools to develop curriculum that will teach parenting, family issues and marriage. The problem lies with whose version will it teach. These are subjects that must be brought forth by the parent whose version trumps that of any bureaucrat. The GOP platform states that the “family's most important function is to raise the next generation of Americans.” That includes inculcating morals and values promoted and supported at home. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

### **ELECTION LAW**

**HB 1236-FN-L**, relative to disclosure of public expenditures related to lobbying and electioneering. **OTP Vote 9-6**. The majority blurb says it all. “Sunshine is the best disinfectant. This quaint phrase reminds us that openness in government leads to accountability. HB 1236 will bring such openness to the use of public funds for electioneering and lobbying by governmental entity.” **Recommendation: Support OTP**

**HB 1304-FN**, relative to the scope of registration of lobbyists and statements of lobbying activities. Refer For Interim Study **Vote 15-1**. **Recommendation: Support Refer For Interim Study**

**HB 1490**, relative to procedures on ethics violations by legislators. **ITL Vote 9-6**. **No Recommendation**

**HB 1567**, relative to removing names from the checklist. **OTP W/Amendment Vote 11-6**. The GOP platform states that we will work “to encourage greater voter participation at all levels of government.” This bill will do that as it will make every voter legitimate and every vote count. **Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

### **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 1258-FN-A**, establishing a sunset review process for executive agency and judicial programs and making an appropriation therefor. Refer For Interim Study **Vote 14-0**. This bill promotes accountability in government-a strong GOP platform issue. **Recommendation: Support Refer For Interim Study**

**HB 1670-FN**, relative to membership on certain professional regulatory boards. ITL **Vote 7-6**.

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1744-FN-A**, authorizing the pari-mutuel commission to regulate games of chance conducted by charitable organizations and relative to tournaments conducted by charitable organizations where chips have no monetary face value. OTP W/Amendment **Vote 17-1**. **No Recommendation**

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

**HJR 20**, supporting stem cell research. OTP. **Vote 11-3**. The GOP platform strongly opposes “the use of embryonic stem cells while encouraging scientific research using adult and cord blood stem cells.” **Recommendation: Oppose OTP then Support ITL or Minority OTPW/Amendment**

### **JUDICIARY**

**CACR 34**, relating to the definition of marriage. Providing that marriage between one man and one woman shall be the only legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state. ITL **Vote 14-7** The GOP platform states; “We realize that the family's most important function is to raise the next generation of Americans. We place our highest priority on promoting and preserving the family as the most important institution of human development by: Recognizing marriage as the legal union between one man and one woman.” **Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTPW/Amendment**

Today there is a wound in our national conscience. America will never be whole as long as the right to life granted by our Creator is denied to the unborn. How can we survive as a free nation when some decide that others are not fit to live and should be done away with? I believe no challenge is more important to the character of America than restoring the right to life to all human beings. without that right, no other rights have meaning. *Ronald Reagan*

**HB 1336**, relative to administrators of estates. ITL **Vote 14-7**.

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1548**, relative to termination of tenancy. ITL **Vote 13-7** The GOP platform supports property rights small business. This bill attempts to correct a Supreme Court ruling that interfered with the property rights of a small business, in this case, the rental business. In dissenting Judge Nadeau wrote “The effect of the majority’s interpretation “is to create a perpetual tenancy, virtually a life interest, in favor of a tenant of [restricted property] covered by [the statute. ... I do not believe that was the intent of RSA 540:2.”Under the majority’s interpretation, lease provisions purporting to limit the lease to a specified duration have no meaning. (emphasis added) **Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP**

**HB 1682**, relative to parental notification of a parent or legal guardian of a child who has been provided with emergency contraception by a pharmacist. ITL. **Vote 13-7**. This bill would make a parent aware that their child has been given a high dose emergency contraceptive. The GOP platform supports parental notification by opposing “actions that inhibit and/or supplant the role of parents in the care and upbringing of children.”

**Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP**

**HB 1719-FN**, defining human life as beginning at the moment of fertilization. ITL **Vote 14-6** The GOP platform states in “believing the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed upon.”

**Recommendation: Oppose ITL then support OTP**

### **LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES**

**HB 1138**, relative to required pay for employees called into work. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 8-7**. Government has no business mandating how an employee will be reimbursed by an employer when called in to work and we totally agree with the minority blurb. **Recommendation: OTPW/Amendment then Support ITL**

**HB 1496**, establishing a right to work act which provides for freedom of choice on whether to join a labor union. ITL **Vote 14-1**. The GOP platform states: “Support the "right to work" by adopting legislation necessary to ensure this principle for all workers.” **Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP**

### **LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 1687**, extending certain studies. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 11-0**. **No Recommendation**

## **MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

HB 1195, relative to salary and compensation increases included in a default budget. ITL **Vote 11-1.**

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1293**, establishing a procedure for towns to change county affiliation. ITL. **Vote 11-3. No Recommendation**

**HB 1366**, relative to a planning board's authority to require public access to open space as a condition of subdivision approval. OTP. **Vote 9-7.** This bill is a property rights issue and we agree with the Majority blurb  
**Recommendation: Support OTP**

**HB 1558**, relative to regulation of smoking by cities and towns. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 12-3** The GOP platform states we promote protecting the fundamental rights of the people and enhancing their freedom and Promoting a limited government that is open, responsive and fully accountable to and in touch with its citizens without interfering in their personal, daily lives." This bill goes against both of these principles.

**Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment then Support ITL**

**HB 1760**, allowing municipalities to adopt a property tax exemption for property using, manufacturing, or supplying bio-heat systems. ITL **Vote 11-3.** We agree with the majority blurb in that "this is another bill that would shift the property tax burden from this exemption to other taxpayers within the municipality. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

## **RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**HB 1443**, re:priorities for development of (ATV) and trail bike trails. ITL **Vote 12-7. No Recommendation**

**HB 1523**, re: certain rulemaking authority of the comm.of envir. serv. OTP **Vote 10-7 No Recommendation**

## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY**

**HB 1673-FN**, relative to the reduction of mercury emissions. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 13-2.** The GOP platform supports "bringing all of New Hampshire's coal and oil-fired power plants into compliance with clean air standards." This bill is a step in the right direction. **Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment number 2006-1093h**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**HB 1738-FN**, prohibiting the use of surveillance devices to identify motor vehicles. ITL **Vote 12-1.** The right of privacy is a basic fundamental right. Privacy in this day and age of technology must be fiercely guarded . Once lost, it cannot be regained. **Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP With a Possible Floor Amendment**

### ***From Time To Recapture Our Destiny Speech by Ronald Reagan July 17, 1980***

"Trust me" government asks that we concentrate our hopes and dreams on one man; that we trust him to do what's best for us. My view of government places trust not in one person or one party, but in those values that transcend persons and parties. The trust is where it belongs--in the people. The responsibility to live up to that trust is where it belongs, in their elected leaders. That kind of relationship, between the people and their elected leaders, is a special kind of compact.

Three hundred and sixty years ago, in 1620, a group of families dared to cross a mighty ocean to build a future for themselves in a new world. When they arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts, they formed what they called a "compact"; an agreement among themselves to build a community and abide by its laws.

The single act--the voluntary binding together of free people to live under the law--set the pattern for what was to come. A century and a half later, the descendants of those people pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to found this nation. Some forfeited their fortunes and their lives; none sacrificed honor.

Four score and seven years later, Abraham Lincoln called upon the people of all America to renew their dedication and their commitment to a government of, for and by the people.

Isn't it once again time to renew our compact of freedom; to pledge to each other all that is best in our lives; all that gives meaning to them--for the sake of this, our beloved and blessed land?

Together, let us make this a new beginning. Let us make a commitment to care for the needy; to teach our children the values and the virtues handed down to us by our families; to have the courage to defend those values and the willingness to sacrifice for them. Let us pledge to restore, in our time, the American spirit of voluntary service, of cooperation, of private and community initiative; a spirit that flows like a deep and mighty river through the history of our nation.

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