## **House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet**

For April 6, 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.



# April 13, 2005 REGULAR CALENDAR LAID ON TABLE

**HB219** Relative to permitting audio and video recording on school buses.

House Bill 219 was tabled after much debate. To protect the right to privacy, it is vital that this bill remain on the table. We urge that those who wish to kill the bill vote with us to keep the bill on the table. By giving the bill a slow death, it sends a much stronger message that the New Hampshire Legislature protects the right to personal conversations and privacy and places them in the highest regard. Recommendation-If it comes up Vote to keep on the table. If it comes off the table Support the Balboni-Newton Amendment.

# REGULAR CALENDAR EDUCATION

#### **SPECIAL ORDER**

**HB 635,** relative to education funding. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE Vote 18-0.

No Recommendation

#### **FINANCE**

**HB 25-FN-A**, making appropriations for capital improvements. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT Vote 23-0.

No Recommendation

**HB 222-FN**, relative to payment of medical benefits costs for disabled group II members of the retirement system. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE Vote 19-0

The blurb reads "under the terms of the priority statement for special accounts the benefit is not affordable. The committee felt that under the current state of fiscal affairs the priority list should be observed." The platform states that "Republicans realize that low taxes are the result of low spending." Good example of fiscal restraint

Recommendation-Support ITL

**HB 304-**FN-A, relative to federal highway grant anticipation bonds. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT Vote 20-0.

No Recommendation

#### STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### **SPECIAL ORDER**

**HCR 3**, urging Congress to require the Department of Justice to conduct a review and release information to the public regarding mistreatment and restrictions placed on Italian-American citizens of the United States during World War II. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE Vote 13-0.

No Recommendation

#### WAYS AND MEANS

**HB 597**-FN-A, relative to the natural heritage inventory program. OUGHT TO PASS Vote 12-9.

No Recommendation



Governor Lynch makes a point to Reps Bill O'Brien and James Carew on a recent spring day

### **Ronald Reagan Quotes**

From Ronald Reagan An American Life

Many of the relief programs FDR instituted during the Depression were necessary measures during an emergency, but I remain convinced that it was never his intention-nor those of many of his liberal supporters-to make giveaway programs that trapped families forever on a treadmill of dependency, a permanent feature of our government. "Doing for people what they can, and ought to do for themselves, is a dangerous experiment," the great labor leader Samuel Gompers said. "In the last analysis, the welfare of the workers depends on their own initiative."

The classic "liberal" believed individuals should be masters of their own destiny and the least government is the best government; these are precepts of freedom and self-reliance that are at the root of the American way and the American spirit.

But then came the newfangled "liberals" who rejected these beliefs. They claimed government had a greater wisdom than individuals to determine what was best for the individual and it should engineer our economic and business life according to its goals and values; dictate to states, cities and towns what their rights and responsibilities were; and take an increasing bite out of the earnings of productive workers and redistribute it to those who are not productive. To them, government was the font of all wisdom-the bigger government was, the better-and they rejected the principles of Democrats who had gone before them. "Liberty has never come *from* government," Woodrow Wilson, one of FDR's predecessors and another Democrat said. "The history of liberty is the history of *limitation* of government's power, not the increase of it."

We Americans make no secret of our belief in freedom. In fact, its something of a national pastime... Freedom is the right to question and change the established way of doing things. It is the continuing revolution of the marketplace. It is the understanding that allows us to recognize shortcomings and seek solutions. It is the right to put forth an idea, scoffed at by experts, and watch it catch fire among the people. It is the right to dream-to follow your dream or stick to your conscience, even if you are the only one in a sea of dreamers.

Freedom is the recognition that no single person, no single authority or government has a monopoly on the truth, but that every individual life is infinitely precious, that every one of us put on this world has been put there for a reason and has something to offer.

## Finally, A little humor from Will Rogers

"Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip."

"Diplomacy is the art of saying 'Nice doggie' until you can find a rock."

"There's no trick to being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you."

"We can't all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by."

"Rumor travels faster, but it don't stay put as long as truth."

"Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else."

"Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier 'n puttin' it back in."

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

"TRUST BUT VERIFY"