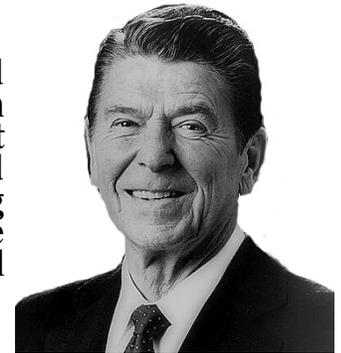


House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

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.



APRIL 26, 2006 REGULAR CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

SB 323, establishing a legislative youth advisory council. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 13-0. No Recommendation**

SB 355-FN, relative to unlawful possession of alcohol by a minor. Refer to interim Study **Vote 13-1.**

This bill is a personal responsibility issue. The bill as written will impose a minimum fine of \$300 to anyone under the age of 21 who has consumed an alcoholic beverage. We agree with the blurb in that it could penalize parents who would wish to teach children responsible use of alcoholic beverages and encourage overzealous application by authorities.

Recommendation: Support Refer for Interim Study.

No Recommendation

SB 370-FN, relative to multidisciplinary child protection teams. OTP **Vote 12-0.**

No Recommendation

SB 382, relative to the guardian ad litem board. OTP **Vote 13-1.**

COMMERCE

SB 230, relative to the qualifications and liability of the medical director responsible for utilization review under the managed care law. MAJ.: ITL. MIN. OTP. **Vote 11-6.** This bill attempts to bring full disclosure in that it would require the insurer to provide the data they used to support their denial. However, the regulations and demands it places on private business outweigh any benefits of full disclosure.

Recommendation: Support ITL

SB 394, establishing the Trust Modernization and Competitiveness Act. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 20-0.**

This bill promises to make New Hampshire more Trust friendly. This in turn will bring more dollars to the state—more dollars, more jobs, better economic climate.

Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 318-FN, relative to the use of deadly force to protect oneself. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: OTP. **Vote 9-5.** This bill makes clear that we do not have to retreat when threatened. The Majority blurb incorrectly states that it is already in statute that we don't have to retreat. However 627:4 III states: "A person is not justified in using deadly force on another to defend himself or a third person from deadly force by the other if he knows that he and the third person can, with complete safety: (a) Retreat from the encounter, except that he is not required to retreat if he is within his dwelling or its curtilage and was not the initial aggressor." Article 2-a of the NH Constitution gives one the right to defend family, themselves and property wherever you are. "Never turn your back on a threatened danger and try to run away from it. If you do that, you will double the danger. But if you meet it promptly and flinching, you will reduce the danger by half. Never run away from anything. Never!" Winston Churchill

Recommendation: Oppose ITL Then Support OTP

SB 348, prohibiting the taking of arms and ammunition in a declared state of emergency. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: OTP. **Vote 14-5** This bill is a second amendment reinforcement. Our Constitution [Article 2-a The Bearing of Arms] states: All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state. This is especially important during a declared state of emergency when families and property are most exposed and susceptible to injury and harm.

Recommendation: Oppose ITL then support OTP

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

SB 351-FN, declaring drowning as cruelty to animals. ITL **Vote 12-3.** This bill increases government's role in personal responsibility issues and paints a broad brush in creating a felony statute for drowning any animal by anyone under any circumstance.

Recommendation: Support ITL

SB 388, relative to farm composting and pesticides. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 11-4.**

No Recommendation

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 354-FN, requiring security officers of the New Hampshire hospital security force to be fully certified as police officers and including such security officers in group II of the New Hampshire retirement system. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 16-2.** **No Recommendation**

SB 405, relative to the acceptance of certain tax-sheltered funds by the Manchester employees' contributory retirement system. OTP **Vote 17-0** **No Recommendation**

JUDICIARY

SB 242, prohibiting a person charged with unlawfully killing a decedent from taking from the decedent's estate. ITL **Vote 12-5.** **No Recommendation.**

SB 287-FN, making certain changes to the eminent domain statute. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 16-0.**

We agree with the blurb and stress that our great country was founded on property rights. Any usurpation of that right by any branch of government must be vigorously opposed. **Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

SB 267, relative to the definition of employee and clarifying the criteria for exempting workers from employee status. Refer For Interim Study **Vote 12-2.** **No Recommendation**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

SB 190-L, establishing a committee to study including workforce housing in zoning ordinances. MAJ.: OTPW/Amendment. MIN: ITL. **Vote 9-6.** This bill is a first step towards taking away local control through state mandates under the guise of enabling in the local Master Plan. Every time you unite public and private programs, there is a risk of eminent domain taking along with interfering with free enterprise. Government has a poor track record with affordable housing "projects." **Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment Then Support ITL**

SB 319, establishing a task force to study county government. MAJ: OTPW/Amendment. MIN.: ITL. **Vote 13-2.** This bill proposes to investigate if county functions can be more efficiently accomplished, but then loads the committee with county advocates or "cheerleaders." Further, the amendment says: "Shall also examine possible new functions of county government." Sounds like it could actually grow government. The GOP platform strongly opposes larger government. **Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment Then Support ITL**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

SB 386, relative to large groundwater withdrawals. MAJ: OTPW/Amendment. MIN: ITL. **Vote 13-4.** This bill protects personal property rights in that people have a right to the water under their property. They also have the responsibility in that the right to the use of water will not negatively impact their neighbor.

Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment

[D]emocracy will soon degenerate into an anarchy, such an anarchy that every man will do what is right in his own eyes and no man's life or property or reputation or liberty will be secure, and every one of these will soon mould itself into a system of subordination of all the moral virtues and intellectual abilities, all the powers of wealth, beauty, wit and science, to the wanton pleasures, the capricious will, and the execrable cruelty of one or a very few. -- J. Adams

"To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of people always possess arms..."

-- Richard Henry Lee, 1788, Member of the First U.S. Senate.

"The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere and everywhere restrains evil interference -- they deserve a place of honor with all that is good."

-- George Washington

Every collectivist revolution rides in on a Trojan horse of "emergency". It was the tactic of Lenin, Hitler, and Mussolini. In the collectivist sweep over a dozen minor countries of Europe, it was the cry of men striving to get on horseback. And "emergency" became the justification of the subsequent steps. This technique of creating emergency is the greatest achievement that demagoguery attains. -- Herbert Hoover.

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