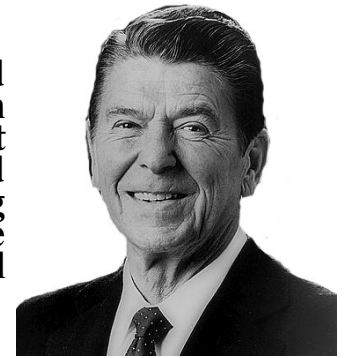


House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

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.



May 4, 2006 REGULAR CALENDAR

EDUCATION

SB 22, authorizing Holden College to confer degrees and exempting certain teachers from additional certification requirements imposed by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. MAJ.: ITL. **Vote 11-2. No Recommendation**

FINANCE

SB 262, establishing the position of an administrator of women offenders and family services within the department of corrections, and establishing an interagency coordinating council on women offenders, and making an appropriation therefor. OTP **Vote 19-0. No Recommendation**

SB 306-FN-A, establishing a quality early learning opportunity initiative and making an appropriation therefor. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 16-3.** The GOP platform opposes “actions that inhibit and/or supplant the role of parents in the care and upbringing of children.” This bill will make a parent choose between having a family member relative or friend provide daycare or go with a state approved state licensed daycare in order to follow the money. The end result, greater state interference in parental decision making by the state concerning care of children outside of the home. This bill is also a stalking horse for ultimately requiring the licensing of all child care providers.

Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment Then Support ITL

SB 308-FN-A, making an appropriation for school building aid. OTP **Vote 17-3.** We adopted a budget. It appears that legislation was passed after the adoption of the budget that allowed for spending over and above what was appropriated. Once again, we are adding spending while we are realizing decreased revenues. This is fiscally irresponsible.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP Then Support ITL

SB 322, establishing the business loan enhancement program and relative to the capital asset backed guarantee program. OTP **Vote 11-6.** This bill mimics the Small Business Administration (SBA)504 lending program but it removes important SBA safeguards that have been learned and implemented through years of experience. This bill removes personal guarantee and responsibility by allowing **No** personal guarantee and **No** minimum use requirement. This bill places all of the risk of the loan on the Business Finance Authority and ultimately on the General Fund.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP Then Support ITL

SB 339, changing certain job titles and responsibilities in the department of transportation. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 17-0. No Recommendation**

SB 364-FN-A, relative to funding of the fish and game search and rescue fund and making an appropriation therefor. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 16-2** The Fish and Game Department is supported by the sale of fish and game licenses and therefore, is funded by men and women who engage in these activities. For years the licensees have had to bear the burden of funding Fish and Game Department Search and Rescue Missions. The Fish and Game Department has long needed relief from having to fund these activities.

Recommendation: Support Dividing The Question so that an amendment may be offered to the first part of the Bill dealing with depletion of Fish and Game funds as a consequence of the departments mounting search and rescue missions. The amendment will require reimbursement of F&G search and rescue costs by the Department of Safety. As to the **rest of the divided bill**

No Recommendation

SB 367-FN, imposing a penalty on Medicaid providers who receive overpayments of state Medicaid funds. ITL **Vote 14-1. No Recommendation**

SB 373-FN-A, relative to a public health response to arbovirus. ITL **Vote 13-2.** **No Recommendation**
SB 387, relative to energy efficiency loans and guarantees by the business finance authority. OTP **Vote 17-0.**

No Recommendation

SB 399-FN, relative to the powers of state government in the event of an incident or outbreak of communicable disease. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 17-2.** This bill as amended by the Finance Committee constructively limits interference of government with legitimate public assembly and individual freedom during the time of a possible pandemic.

Recommendation Support OTPW/Amendment

SB 400-FN, relative to highway welcome signs. OTP **Vote 11-6.** The GOP platform promotes the N. H. advantage by “Standing behind our state motto, "Live Free or Die." **Recommendation: Support OTP**

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

SB 238, relative to assistance to members of the general court provided by the legislative budget assistant. ITL **Vote 5-4.** The Constitution clearly vests "supreme legislative power" with the House and Senate. For members to properly use this power, they need to have information available to them. The principle of free and unfettered access by legislators to information is so sacred that the bill should be passed. There is no history of abuse by legislators and if such abuse should occur, proper remedies for that are in place. We should not deny information to anyone due to some unspecified potential for abuse. The current House Speaker and Senate President are sponsors of this legislation.

Recommendation: Oppose ITL Then Support OTP

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

SB 232-FN-A, making a capital appropriation to the department of health and human services for a dental facility in the town of Tamworth. Refer For Interim Study. **Vote 14-0.** **No Recommendation**

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 107-FN, relative to the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes. ITL **Vote 11-7.** This bill would shift tax burden from high end tobacco products to low end tobacco products, unfairly imposing higher taxes on individuals of more modest means.

Recommendation: Support ITL

SB 131-FN, establishing a school choice certificate program. MAJ: ITL. MIN.: OTPW/Amendment. We agree with the minority blurb that the bill “does provide a vehicle to accept funding for school choice.” The GOP platform strongly supports school choice.

Recommendation: Oppose ITL Then Support OTP

SB 376-FN-A, relative to revenues dedicated to the education trust fund. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 15-3.**

No Recommendation

SB 380-FN-A, establishing a research and development credit against business taxes. MAJ: ITL. MIN.: OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 15-4.** There are great arguments on both sides on this issue. Listen to the debate.

No Recommendation

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS

HA 1, an address for the removal of Kenneth R. McHugh, superior court justice, from office. OUGHT NOT TO PASS **Vote 12-0.** The GOP platform states “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.” A Bill of Address can be used for judicial accountability and was brought forth. Proper procedure was followed with the committee report finding that there was “no reasonable basis for his removal” and “unanimously voted not to recommend the bill of address.” The system works.

Recommendation: Support Ought Not to Pass

Ronald Reagan Quotes

“I know it's hard when you're up to your armpits in alligators to remember you came here to drain the swamp.”

“This country was founded and built by people with great dreams and the courage to take great risks.”

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