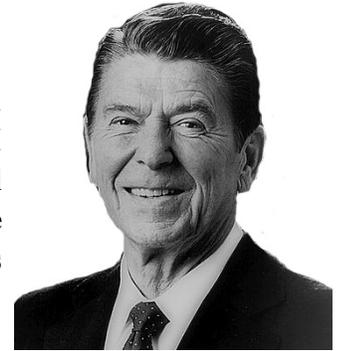


# House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

For June 1, 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.



**Ethics Committee Special Report to the Speaker Of The House Regarding Complaint# 2004-2**

The NHHRA opposes any motion to special order this issue.

The NHHRA takes the position that irrespective of the appropriateness or inappropriateness of the former Speakers behavior concerning acceptance and failure to report gifts given at past corn roast fund raising events, the House must be mindful that his constituents, knowing full well the nature of charges against him and having heard him admit culpability, nevertheless re-elected Representative Chandler to represent them once again in the General Court. It is not the proper role of the Legislature to reject a qualified member based upon conduct known before his most recent election. Further, the Committee in its findings “found no evidence that Representative Chandler used legislative resources to raise funds or that any donor received any specific benefit as a result of making a corn roast gift.”

For those reasons, the NHHRA DOES NOT SUPPORT the Ethic Committee recommendation that Representative Chandler be expelled from the House of Representatives for the remainder of the 2005-2006 term of office.

## REGULAR CALENDAR

### CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

**SB 132**, relative to the board of marital mediator certification. MAJORITY: OTP W/Amendment Vote 12-4.

The Republican Party Platform states “The preservation of the rights of our people should always constrain the actions of government because our government has only as much power as the people choose to give it. 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 consolidates greater power with Marital Mediator Certification Board, placing all certification standards within it's purview, while failing to provide a mechanism for certification, as the minority states, in any independent outside training program or one offered by an institution of higher learning. No agency of government ought to be comprised to function as an entity unto itself. Recommendation-Oppose OTP then Support ITL

### COMMERCE

**SB 44**, establishing a study committee on student credit card debt and regulation of credit card solicitation on college campuses. MAJORITY: ITL . Vote 13-5. The Republican Party Platform strongly supports personal responsibility. This bill is an affront to personal responsibility. Recommendation- Support ITL

**SB 175**, requiring insurance coverage for certified midwives. MAJORITY: OTP Vote14-7. **SB 175**, while a regulatory bill, provides for alternate birthing methods provided by mid-wives. Provision of medical services is well regulated and at present, midwives are regulated out of being able to being reimbursed for the alternative service which they provide. Normally greater regulation limits constituent choice. In this case it expands constituent choice and makes for a more competitive environment in this particular realm of medical service. Recommendation- Support OTP

## ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

**SB 36-FN**, assessing a fee on all dogs and cats sold at retail that are not sexually sterilized, to be deposited in the companion animal neutering fund. MAJORITY: OTP W/Amendment Vote 15-3. **This bill as amended, establishes a new tax. It also allows a small committee to establish the new tax rate without a full vote of the house. Without the amendment, this bill is a money bill that originated in the Senate which violates Part Second Article 18 of the New Hampshire Constitution.** Recommendation Oppose OTP then Support ITL

## FINANCE

**SB 38-FN**, relative to school building aid for certain receiving districts. MAJORITY: OTP Vote 13-9.

No Recommendation

**SB 90-FN-A-L**, relative to kindergarten construction aid. MAJORITY: OTP Vote 17-4.

No Recommendation

**SB 146-FN-A-L**, establishing a civil legal services fund consisting of court filing fee surcharges for the purpose of establishing and operating a New Hampshire Legal Assistance office in Nashua and to provide for additional staff in other New Hampshire Legal Assistance offices. MAJORITY: OTP Vote 19-3. **The Republican Party Platform supports limited government. This bill admits to growing government. The surcharge on court filing fees increases the cost to the average citizen to secure justice and needing to use the system. A "surcharge" is a tax is a tax is a tax and an unjust one at that.** Recommendation- Oppose OTP then Support ITL

**SB 163-FN**, establishing the New Hampshire pharmaceutical assistance program. MAJORITY: OTP W/Amendment Vote 13-8.

No Recommendation

## WAYS AND MEANS

**SB 63-FN-A**, establishing a court mediation fund to pay the costs of a mediation program in the district courts. MAJORITY: OTP Vote 13-4. **This bill raises the tax/filing fee for small claims actions to pay "professionals" to mediate small claims cases. As the minority states, the filing fee is being abused to provide for services other than straight forward clerical tasks and agree that such use is not consistent with the intent or purpose of filing fees. A tax is a tax is a tax.** Recommendation-Oppose OTP then Support ITL

Benjamin Rush to John Adams

*In a letter dated August 2, 1811*

Dear Old Friend,

The 4th of July has been celebrated in Philadelphia in the manner I expected. The military men, and particularly one of them, ran away with all the glory of the day. Scarcely a word was said of the solitude and labors and fears and sorrows and sleepless nights of the men who projected, proposed, defended, and subscribed the Declaration of Independence. Do you recollect your memorable speech upon the day on which the vote was taken? Do you recollect the pensive and awful silence which pervaded the house when we were called up, one after another, to the table of the President of Congress to subscribe what was believed by many at that time to be our own death warrants? The silence and the gloom of the morning were interrupted, I well recollect, only for a moment by Colonel Harrison of Virginia, who said to Mr. [Elbridge] Gerry at the table: "I shall have a great advantage over you, Mr. Gerry, when we are all hung for what we are now doing. From the size and weight of my body I shall die in a few minutes, but from the lightness of your body you will dance in the air an hour or two before you are dead." This speech procured a transient smile, but it was soon succeeded by the solemnity with which the whole business was conducted. . . . Let us, my dear friend, console ourselves for the unsuccessful efforts of our lives to serve our fellow creatures by recollecting that we have aimed well.

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