

# 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 6, 2005 REGULAR CALENDAR**

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## **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-Vote to keep on the table. If it comes off Support the Balboni-Newton Amendment.**

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

**HB 66**, regulating mandatory overtime for nurses. Committee recommendation OTP W/Amendment Vote 11-3.

**The platform supports higher quality health care. This bill creates conflict between existing federal and state minimum staffing guidelines at private nursing care facilities and prevents facilities from requiring nurses to remain for anything other than an emergency.**

**Recommendation-Oppose OTP then Support ITL and look for and support a possible Giuda floor amendment**

**HB 217**, relative to liability of third persons under workers' compensation. Committee recommendation ITL Vote 11-2. **New information shows this bill puts a halt to judicial activism that has recently allowed all costs and fees to go to one party instead of in-proportion to court award. Recommendation- Oppose ITL then Support OTP**

**HB 350**, relative to enforcement of the labor protection statutes. Committee recommendation OTP W/Amendment Vote 10-5. **No Recommendation**

**HB 665-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the applicable minimum wage for hourly employees. Committee recommendation OTP W/ Amendment Vote 11-2. **The republican party has long opposed forcing wage scale. The party platform promotes free market economics.**

**Recommendation Oppose OTPW/Amendment then support ITL.**

## **LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 392-FN & HCR 10,**

**No Recommendation**

## **MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**HB 90**, relative to private driving instruction and exhibition facilities. Committee recommendation ITL.. Vote 14-5. **This bill is anti-business and tries to reverse legislation passed last year. Recommendation-Support ITL**

HB 233-FN-L,

No Recommendation.

HB 305, relative to amended warrant articles on official ballots. Committee recommendation ITL Vote 10-7. **This bill guards free speech by protecting the right of those who bring an original warrant article to have that article show up on the ballot.** Recommendation Oppose ITL then Support  
OTP

HB 417, relative to petitions for municipal charter revisions. Committee recommendation ITL Vote 14-3  
No Recommendation

#### **PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**

HB 314-FN, requiring public restrooms in the division of motor vehicles. Committee recommendation ITL Vote 10-7. (6 Republicans 4 Democrats to 6 Democrats 1 Republican).  
**Read the blurb Listen to the debate if taken to the floor.** No Recommendation

#### **RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

HB 69, relative to property rights and large groundwater withdrawals. OTP W/ Amendment Vote 18-1.  
**Open Government-Equal Rights** Support OTPW/Amendment

HB 322-FN, relative to the registration fees and requirements for snow traveling vehicles. Committee recommendation ITL Vote 14-4. No Recommendation

HB 419, relative to the Mount Sunapee ski area boundary and lease terms. Committee recommendation ITL Vote 12-9. **Listen to the debate** No Recommendation

HB 525, establishing a committee to study the leasing of state-owned conservation land to private entities and relative to a temporary prohibition on the leasing of such lands. Committee recommendation ITL. Vote 19-0. No Recommendation

#### **STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

HB 333 & HB 520 No Recommendation

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

HB 513, relative to motor vehicle inspection stations. Committee recommendation OTP W/Amendment Vote 9-0. OBDII. **The Department of Safety and the Department of Environmental Services have done a great disservice to the citizens of New Hampshire. OBDII testing will cost the taxpayers millions of dollars with no noticeable benefit to air quality. This bill is only the first step in the right direction of a very long journey to stand up to federal bureaucratic regulation and protect our citizens.** Recommendation Support OTPW/Amendment

#### **SPECIAL ORDER**

HB 679-FN-LOCAL, authorizing the electronic enforcement of traffic signal violations. Committee recommendation OTP Vote 14-0. **Forget becoming Massachusetts north, this bill will make us California East. This bill violates our constitutional rights-The ticket goes to the car owner, not the driver who committed the violation. The car owner will now be guilty unless they can prove themselves innocent, and will not be able to face their accuser. The law actually creates a provision for forced collaboration in that you will either take the ticket or tell who was operating the vehicle registered to you.** Recommendation- Oppose OTP and then vote ITL

HB 705, relative to passenger restraints. Committee recommendation ITL . Vote 12-2.  
**This is a personal responsibility issue.** Recommendation- Support ITL

#### **WAYS AND MEANS**

HB 51, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of imposing a luxury sales tax and an amusements tax. Committee recommendation OTP. Vote 10-8. **The party platform states "Republicans realize that low taxes are the result of low spending. We believe that controlling spending and minimizing taxes are the best ways to protect the economic and civic well being of New Hampshire residents and businesses."** Recommendation Oppose OTP then Support ITL

**HB 94-FN-A**, requiring a discount to wholesalers on cash purchases of tobacco tax stamps. Committee recommendation ITL Vote 10-6. **The tobacco retailers contract voluntarily with the state to sell tobacco products. Therefore, the state can establish conditions under which the agent performs.**

**Recommendation Support ITL**

**HB 453-FN,** **No Recommendation**

**HB 601-FN**, allowing businesses to apply the investment tax credit to contributions made to scholarship funding organizations. Committee recommendation ITL Vote 15-0. **No Recommendation**

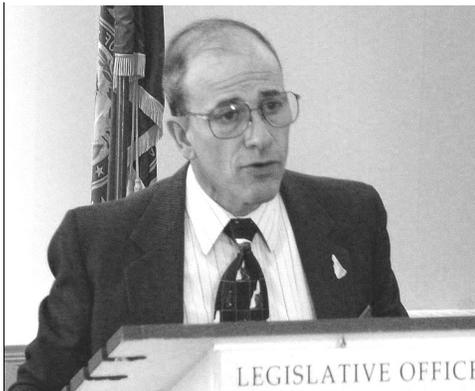
**HB 613-FN**, exempting prepared take-out food items sold in supermarkets from the meals and rooms tax. Committee recommendation ITL Vote 15-0. **No Recommendation**

**HB 671-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to an exemption from the real estate transfer tax. Committee recommendation ITL Vote 12-6 **No Recommendation**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

HB 717, HB 635, HB 270, HB 371, HB 158, HB 536, HCR 9, HB 537, HB 710-FN, SB 23, HCR 3, HCR 5, HCR 6, HCR 7, HB 720-FN, **No Recommendations**

### **ROLL CALL VOTES IN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE**



**Rep Robert Giuda- Grafton Dist 5**

*In case you missed it. Here is the text of the eloquent statement on Roll Calls given at a press conference yesterday on behalf of the NHHRA by Member Robert Giuda.*

**During the past few weeks, concern has been expressed over the use of the Roll Call Vote in the New Hampshire House. It is important to remember that Roll Calls have been requested by Democrats and Republicans alike during this and previous sessions, and that their value goes far beyond the financial cost to record them.**

**Roll Call Votes promote truth and transparency in government. They are a public service, and create a permanent voting record to let the people of our state see how they have been represented. We believe that the public has a right to know.**

**Our founding fathers said in the Federalist Papers #10, "Men of factious tempers, of local prejudices, or of sinister designs, may, by intrigue, by corruption, or by other means, first obtain the suffrages, and then betray the interests, of the people."**

**Our state and nation are both representative republics. Voters elect representatives to carry their interests forward based on a stated Democratic or Republican ideology. Yet we continue to witness, first hand, candidates running on Republican principles and then failing to support those principles with their votes.**

**We need Roll Call Votes to protect the dignity of our great state, and the integrity of our Legislature. We need Roll Call Votes so that the citizens who send us to Concord have a transparent means of evaluating whether or not promises made in seeking the public trust are in fact honored by those elected to protect it.**

**Additionally, a "back of the envelope" calculations on cost of Roll Call Votes came up with a figure of \$241 per Roll Call Vote. This figure was arrived at by multiplying the total cost of printing 5 pages per roll call to the number of House Journals using 500 Roll Call Votes.**

**We wish all educational programs could be this inexpensive!**

**COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE FLOW CHART**  
 (HOUSE BILL PASSED BY SENATE – COMPLETED BILL BEGINS AND ENDS IN THE HOUSE)

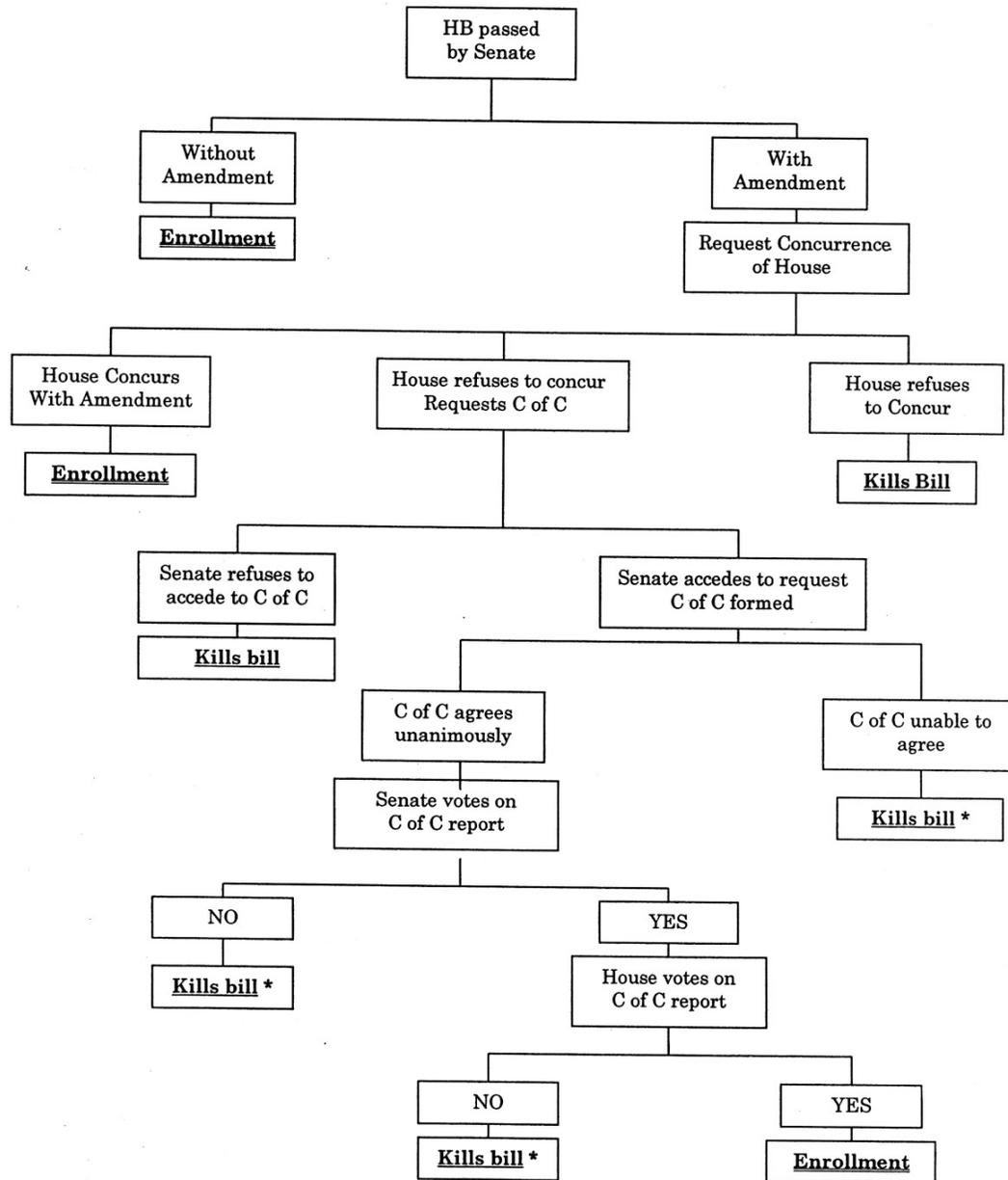


Chart by: Steve Winter  
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 5/5/03 (Rev. 7/8/03)

\* MAY FORM NEW COMMITTEE WITH AGREEMENT OF BOTH BODIES

The above is a flow chart to show you what happens when a House Bill goes to the Senate and the course it can take. For Legislators new to the process, this chart may come in handy as we are nearing crossover.

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