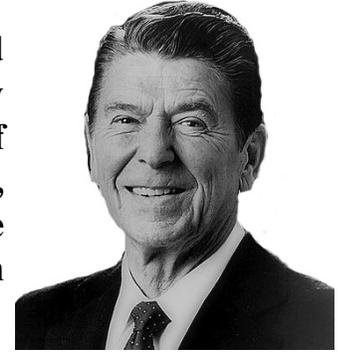


# House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

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.



## FEBRUARY 22, 2006 REGULAR CALENDAR

### CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

**HB 1127**, relative to obligation of religious leaders to report child abuse. MAJ.: Refer To Interim Study. MIN.: ITL. **Vote 10-5.** This bill would force the religions that have sealed confessions to have to change thousands of years of doctrine. The idea of a state law forcing churches to change their religious doctrine is a clear violation of the Constitution. **Recommendation: Oppose Refer to Interim Study and then Support ITL**

**HB 1580**, relative to the child support formula. MAJ.: OTP W/Amendment. MIN.: ITL. **Vote 7-5.** Section 8 of the NH GOP Platform states that we support "Favor equitable treatment of both parents in child custody and child support determinations and oppose policies that unnecessarily separate fathers, mothers, parents and children" this bill supports that principle. **Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

### COMMERCE

**HB 1374**, establishing a committee to require personal information holders to disclose a security breach. REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY **Vote 15-0.** **No Recommendation**

**HB 1404**, relative to breach of security of computerized personal information. ITL **Vote 15-0.** **No Recommendation**

**HB 1542**, relative to responsible drug advertising. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: OTP. **Vote 13-3.** Section 6 of the NH GOP Platform states that we "Work to prevent over-regulation of business," This is another attempt to regulate prescription drug advertising which is a burdensome regulation of business as well as several constitutional issues. We agree with the majority blurb. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

**HB 1151**, relative to the prohibition of illegal aliens. ITL **Vote 18-0.** Illegal immigration is a real problem. This bill is necessary and constitutional. Both the 9th and 10th US District Courts have consistently held that the Commerce Clause of the Constitution not only allows, but may actually require that States be empowered to regulate the effects of illegal immigration so long as that is part of a broader regulatory scheme. The Immigration and Nationalization Administration (INA) does not prohibit regulation as part of a broader regulatory scheme, rather it merely specifies what can and cannot be required as proof from a prospective employee. A floor amendment will be offered that changes language to eliminate any conflict with federal law.

**Recommendation: Oppose ITL then support OTP with the offered floor amendment**

**Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him work diligently and build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built *Abraham Lincoln***

## EDUCATION

**HB 1178**, relative to the definition of an adequate education. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: Refer To Interim Study. **Vote 10-6.** The GOP platform states: "As Republicans, our goal is to meet the cost of education as efficiently as possible and that local control of education policy and education funding creates the best-managed school systems. It is our belief that citizens who control their own education budgets have the strongest incentives to spend their money wisely. This bill would have state- mandated what is an Adequate public education and would increase spending tremendously without a new revenue source. Can you say Income tax? **Recommendation: Support ITL**

**HB 1323**, relative to the statement of purpose in the statewide education improvement and assessment program. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: OTP. **Vote 12-1** **No Recommendation**

**HB 1384**, relative to standardizing the format for special education budgets. ITL. **Vote 7-6.** (7 Dem- 5 Republican 1Dem) This bill is neither a proponent nor an opponent of Special Education (SPED)and does not identify individual students. It is all about taxpayer relief and maximizing the funding of SPED programs mandated by the Federal Government. In the current education budget, it is estimated that NH will spend over \$204 million more than is reported to the federal government for reimbursement . Only by reporting the actual SPED costs can we maximize the amount of funding we can receive back from the Federal Government, thereby shifting a portion of the tax burden from local property taxpayers to the Federal Government.

**Recommendation: Oppose ITL and then Support OTPw/Floor Amendment**

## ELECTION LAW

**HB 1509**, relative to campaign expenditures for the office of governor. OTP W/Amendment. **Vote 14-0.**

**No Recommendation**

## FISH AND GAME

### SPECIAL ORDER

**HB 1269**, relative to the taking of red deer or elk. OTAPW/Amendment **Vote 9-1.** The GOP platform supports working to prevent over-regulation of business, particularly with respect to small businesses.

**Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

## HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS,

**HB 1681-FN**, establishing the unused prescription drug program. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 16-0.** This bill would allow health care facilities to save money and this could save the state money in the prison system. Our platform states that we support both fiscal responsibility and other business friendly measures. This achieves both.

**Recommendation: Support OTP**

## JUDICIARY

**CACR 39**, relating to the administration of the Supreme Court. Providing that Supreme Court rules shall no longer have the force and effect of law. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: OTP. **Vote 14-6.** The minority blurb clearly defines the reason for this CACR in that adding the unratified sentence to Article 73-a has resulted in a momentous alteration of the separation of powers between the judicial and legislative branches. Section 10 of the GOP platform states that: "We will work to maintain a legal system that provides every citizen prompt and impartial justice by: Adopting a constitutional amendment to Part II, Section 73-a of the New Hampshire Constitution in order to restore the traditional role of our General Court as New Hampshire's supreme legislative authority."

**Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTPW/Amendment**

## MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**HB 1597-FN-L**, relative to municipal obligations for indigent medical expenses. MAJ.: OTPW/Amendment. MIN.: ITL. **Vote 10-4.** **No Recommendation**

**" It is not the function of the government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error."**

*- U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Parker*

**"Some regard private enterprise as if it were a predatory tiger to be shot. Others look upon it as a cow that they can milk. Only a handful see it for what it really is--the strong horse that pulls the whole cart."**

*- Winston Churchill*

## STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

**HCR 22**, relative to the right to pursue a livelihood in natural resources industries. MAJ.: OTP. MIN.: ITL. **Vote 10-2.** Section 6 of the NH GOP Platform states that we “Work to prevent over-regulation of business,”

**Recommendation : Support OTP**

### **SPECIAL ORDER**

**HR 22**, urging Congress to promote and publicize the report to the Congress of the United States entitled "A Review of the Restrictions on Persons of Italian Ancestry During World War II." ITL **Vote 7-3.** Japanese Americans were not the only minority to be discriminated against during World War II because of their origin nation's warring against United States. There has been an unwillingness on the part of the Federal Government to publicize the extent of prejudice and governmental acts against Italian-Americans during this time-frame. In the interest of fairness toward all those in New Hampshire of Italian American descent, and taking into consideration previous recognition of abuses against other discriminated minorities by the Federal Government during World War II - it is indeed appropriate to demand that the Federal Government recognize and publicize abuses against Italian Americans. Republicans oppose arbitrary government.

**Recommendation Oppose ITL - Support OTP**

## TRANSPORTATION

**HB 1307**, relative to application requirements for motor vehicle recycling yard licenses. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 12-2.**

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1328-FN**, relative to motor vehicle inspections. ITL **Vote 11-0.**

The GOP platform preamble promotes individual liberty, personal responsibility, limited government, limited taxes. Motor vehicle safety inspections are a state dictate that has gotten quite expensive, in many cases more than doubled. While they are “safety inspections” the committee blurb itself admits that “there have been no comprehensive studies done that can prove or disprove whether changing from a yearly inspection to every other year or eliminating it altogether has had an impact on motor vehicle crashes.” With that said why not go to motor vehicle safety inspections every two years and give motorist a break.

**Recommendation: Oppose ITL and then support OTP**

**HB 1417-FN**, establishing gold star number plates. ITL. **Vote 9-4.**

**No Recommendation**

## WAYS AND MEANS

**HB 1101-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the definition of "hotel" for purposes of exclusion from the meals and rooms tax. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 12-5**

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1418-FN**, relative to road toll refunds. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 10-8.**

**No Recommendation**

**HB 1515-FN-A**, increasing the tobacco tax and dedicating certain tobacco tax revenues to the tobacco use prevention fund. MAJ.: ITL. MIN. OTP. **Vote 13-6.** The GOP platform opposes raising taxes and states: “We believe that controlling spending and minimizing taxes are the best ways to protect the economic and civic well being of New Hampshire residents. We believe in promoting lower taxes to attract business development and expand economic opportunities.” We agree!!

**Recommendation: SUPPORT ITL**

**T**he art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest amount of feathers with the least possible amount of hissing.

*JB Colbert*

**T**he taxpayer; that's someone who works for the federal government, but doesn't have to take a civil service examination.

*Ronald Reagan*

**HB 1604-FN-A-LOCAL**, establishing business tax credits for employer-sponsored shared commuting costs. MAJORITY: ITL. MIN.: Refer To Interim Study. **Vote 15-4.**

**No Recommendation**

### **SPECIAL ORDER**

**HB 1628**, relative to expenses of operating bingo games. ITL **Vote 20-0.**

This bill appears to support free enterprise and free will. If the charity wishes to opt out of collecting 7% of the winnings for themselves in order to have a bigger payout, why shouldn't they be given that option?

**Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP**

**HB 1638-FN-A**, reducing the rate of the communications services tax. MAJ.: ITL. MIN.: OTP. **Vote 17-2.**

With projected budget surpluses, it is time to look at reducing taxes. This bill will reduce a tax on land-line phones. The reduction in this regressive tax will benefit the elderly and those that live in rural areas. The GOP platform supports lowering taxes and this bill is fiscally responsible as it is revenue neutral in that it may actually encourage people to keep land lines.

**Recommendation: Oppose ITL and then Support OPT**

## **2005-2006 REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM**

### **PREAMBLE**

We, New Hampshire Republicans, are united by our belief in God, individual liberty, personal responsibility, limited government, limited spending, limited taxes, economic opportunity, homeland security, compassion for the truly needy and our confidence in the strength of families, places of worship, communities and volunteerism. The principles and programs set forth in this Platform reflect the beliefs and values that characterize the New Hampshire Republican Party. While Republicans may hold diverse opinions on specific legislative proposals, such differences should not deflect from advancing the principles that unite us as a Party. As united Republicans, we will seek to apply the principles embodied in this Platform and the National Republican Party Platform to our vision for the future of New Hampshire

### **II. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

New Hampshire is proud to be the birthplace of the Republican Party. The "Grand Old Party" was established at a meeting convened by Amos Tuck in Exeter, New Hampshire on October 12, 1853. Since that first meeting, the New Hampshire Republican Party has flourished, forming the majority in our citizen legislature for over a century.

The Republican Party is, and historically has been, the Party of ideas and bold leadership in New Hampshire. The foremost convictions that distinguish our Party in New Hampshire are:

- Protecting the fundamental rights of the people and enhancing their freedom.
- 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.
- Electing Republican candidates who uphold the highest standards of integrity, morality, ethics, responsibility and accountability in their personal lives, during campaigns and while performing their official duties.
- Recruiting Republican candidates who uphold the proud and historic traditions of our Party and its Platform, which is essential to the future of our Party.
- Promoting voter registration to all eligible citizens and increased participation in the electoral process.

#### ***From Second Inaugural Address by Ronald Reagan***

Two of our Founding Fathers, a Boston lawyer named Adams and a Virginia planter named Jefferson, members of that remarkable group who met in Independence Hall and dared to think they could start the world over again, left us an important lesson. They had become, in the years then in government, bitter political rivals in the Presidential election of 1800. Then, years later, when both were retired and age had softened their anger, they began to speak to each other again through letters. A bond was reestablished between those two who had helped create this government of ours.

In 1826, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, they both died. They died on the same day, within a few hours of each other, and that day was the Fourth of July.

In one of those letters exchanged in the sunset of their lives, Jefferson wrote: "It carries me back to the times when, beset with difficulties and dangers, we were fellow laborers in the same cause, struggling for what is most valuable to man, his right of self-government. Laboring always at the same oar, with some wave ever ahead threatening to overwhelm us, and yet passing harmless . . . we rode through the storm with heart and hand." Well, with heart and hand let us stand as one today--one people under God, determined that our future shall be worthy of our past. As we do, we must not repeat the well-intentioned errors of our past. We must never again abuse the trust of working men and women by sending their earnings on a futile chase after the spiraling demands of a bloated federal establishment.

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