

# House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

For February 9, 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.



## NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION

House Rule 45-c was adopted 10 years ago for the purpose of empowering House leadership by diminishing the opportunity for legitimate, challenging, debate. With 45-c committee recommendations must first be voted up or down before new amendments can be offered or debated. Amend rule 45 by repealing 45-c will most likely shorten debate as virtually all controversial Bills are now debated twice. First on committee report and second on amendment. Without 45-c bills would be debated only once.

**Recommendation- Support Reconsideration Then vote to amend 45-c**

## VOTE REQUESTING HOUSE SESSION DAYS BE HELD ON THURSDAYS

Because we cannot be in two places at once, therefore we cannot vote and testify at the same time, we support holding session on Thursday, the same day as the Senate

**Recommendation- Support holding session on Thursday**

## REGULAR CALENDAR

### COMMERCE

**HB 145**, relative to the healthy kids corporation. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE **Vote 19-2.**

The constitution, specifically Articles 10 & 83, prohibit special interest legislation. This bill “locks in sole source contracting where we are guaranteeing a contract with Healthy Kids to administer the program without putting the management of the program out to bid.”

**Recommendation - Oppose OTP Then vote ITL**

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

**HB 32**, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of implementing the Second Chance drug rehabilitation program in the New Hampshire prison system. **Vote 12-7. No Recommendation**

**HB 49**, establishing an independent legislative redistricting commission. MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT **Vote 12-4.**

We agree with the majority that it is the responsibility of the legislature to develop and propose redistricting.

**Recommendation- Support ITL**

**HB 82**, relative to defining political committees of political parties. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. **Vote 12-6. No Recommendation**

### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

**HB 210-FN**, relative to the determination of absence and return of contributions of members of the retirement system. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT **Vote 12-6 No Recommendation**

## **HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS**

**HB 238-FN**, relative to the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes. MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. **Vote 14-5.** **No Recommendation**

## **MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**HB 70**, repealing the law requiring town selectmen to perambulate borders of towns. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE **Vote 14-2.** **No Recommendation**

**HB 89**, relative to establishing non-amendable articles by voter petition. MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS **Vote 11-5.**

We support OTP because it preserves the constitutional right to petition Art. 32 in a way which prevents amendment by opponents of the petitioners. We agree with the minority that “Without this bill, the constitutional guarantee that citizens have to petition government is not available to citizens living in these jurisdictions. It does not replace the current petitioning mechanism, it simply adds to it in order to provide more enthusiastic and fruitful participation by citizens in their local government.” **Recommendation-Oppose ITL then Vote OTP**

**HB 180**, relative to appeals of decisions relating to current use taxation. MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. **Vote 10-5.**

This bill as filed takes away an option for the average citizen to contest taxes. **Recommendation- Support ITL**

## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY**

**HB 58**, relative to the effective date for the elimination of certain substances from gasoline supplies. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT **Vote 16-0.**

The party platform clearly states, “Support banning the use of the gasoline additive MtBE in New Hampshire.”

**Recommendation- Support OTP/ Amendment**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**HB 54**, relative to responsibility for child passenger restraints. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE **Vote 11-3.** **No Recommendation**

## **WAYS AND MEANS**

**CACR 3**, relating to state income tax revenue. Providing that all state income tax revenue shall be dedicated to the funding of public education. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE **Vote 17-2**

An income tax is an income tax! We strongly oppose any income tax or re-distribution of wealth **Recommendation -Support ITL**

**CACR 4**, relating to taxation. Providing that a 3/5 vote is required to pass a new tax or to increase a tax after it is levied. MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. **Vote 16-3.**

The party platform favors a Taxpayer Bill Of Rights **Recommendation Oppose ITL then vote OTP**

**CACR 9**, relating to taxation. Providing that a 2/3 vote is required to pass a new tax or to increase a tax after it is levied and that the maximum increase in any budget bill shall be limited by the rates of inflation and population growth. MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS **Vote 17-2.**

While this is not TABOR it does support control of taxation. **Recommendation Oppose ITL then vote OTP**

## **Ronald Reagan Quotes**

“Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.”

“I have left orders to be awakened at any time in case of national emergency, even if I'm in a cabinet meeting.”

“My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you I just signed legislation which outlaws Russia forever. The bombing begins in five minutes.”