

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.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 REGULAR CALENDAR

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 48, relative to incompatibility of town offices. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. Vote 10-2.

HRA Analysis: Possible appearance of a conflict of interest.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 49-FN, relative to toll-free use of the New Hampshire turnpike system by vehicles with purple heart license plates. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. Vote 12-1.

HRA Analysis: We support all veterans of the Armed Forces and do not recommend a special exemption for only vehicles bearing purple heart plates over the vehicles of our other veterans.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 77, relative to amendments to warrant articles. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. Vote 12-0.

HRA Analysis: This bill has an admirable goal to improve local control in SB2 towns, which follows our platform's promise to "... encourage greater voter participation at all levels of government." This would be accomplished by limiting the changes that deliberative sessions can make to warrant articles. All too frequently special interest groups in deliberative sessions gut the warrant articles before the average voter gets to see them. Unfortunately, the committee amendment sidesteps the main purpose of the bill by allowing dollar amounts to be changed arbitrarily in deliberative session.

HRA Recommendation: Support Recommit (to return the bill to the committee for improvement). If that fails, oppose the amendment and support OTP (of the original bill).