

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.

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Bill Number	Committee	Committee Vote	HRA recommends
CACR 7	Education	ITL 14-4	Oppose ITL
HB 118	Judiciary	OTP/A 11-7	No Recommendation
HB 119	Election	OTP/A 10-8	Oppose OTP/A
HB 146	Transportation	OTP 10-4	Support OTP
HB 153	Criminal Justice	OTP 17-2	Support OTP
HB 161	Education	OTP/A 13-5	Support OTP
HB 178	Labor	OTP/A 18-2	No Recommendation
HB 189 (from consent)	Resources	OTP/A, 19-0	No Recommendation
HB 242	Transportation	OTP 12-3	Oppose OTP
HB 247	Criminal Justice	OTP 10-9	No Recommendation
HB 271	HHS	ITL 13-6	Oppose ITL
HB 289	Transportation	ITL 14-1	Oppose ITL
HB 291	Transportation	ITL 14-1	Oppose ITL
HB 302	Transportation	ITL 12-3	Support ITL
HB 305	Muni & County	OTP/A, 12-4	No Recommendation
HB 314	Ways & Means	OTP/A, 15-2	Support OTP/A
HB 337	Criminal Justice	ITL, 12-8	No Recommendation
HB 345	Transportation	ITL 14-1	No Recommendation
HB353 (from consent)	ED&A	OTP/A, 20-0	Oppose OTP/A
HB 362	Science Tech & Energy	OTP/A 11-6	Support OTP
HB 399	State Federal	OTP/A 16-3	Support OTP/A
HB 405	Children & Family	ITL, 15-3	No Recommendation
HB 409	Judiciary	ITL 15-4	Oppose ITL
HB 442	Criminal Justice	OTP, 16-2	Support OTP
HB 448	Election	ITL 11-6	Support ITL
HB 452	HHS	ITL 11-6	No Recommendation
HB 453	Criminal Justice	OTP 14-5	Oppose OTP
HB 454	Science Tech & Energy	ITL 15-3	No Recommendation
HB 458	Criminal Justice	ITL, 18-2	Oppose ITL
HB 465	Science Tech & Energy	OTP 13-3	No Recommendation
HB 472	Commerce	OTP 10-7	Oppose OTP

HB 483	Judiciary	ITL 13-6	Oppose ITL
HB 486	Finance	OTP 24-0	Support OTP
HB 498	Criminal Justice	ITL 13-6	Oppose ITL
HB 501	Labor	OTP/A 15-5	Oppose OTP/A
HB 512	Criminal Justice	ITL 18-2	Oppose ITL
HB 527 (from consent)	Resources	ITL, 19-0	No Recommendation
HB 539	Children & Family	ITL 16-2	Oppose ITL
HB 549 (from consent)	Ways & Means	ITL. 17-1	
HB 551	Children & Family	OTP/A 15-1	No Recommendation
HB 552	Children & Family	ITL 15-0	No Recommendation
HB 554	Children & Family	OTP/A 18-0	No Recommendation
HB 564	Ways & Means	ITL 11-7	Support ITL
HB 571	Children & Family	ITL 16-0	Oppose ITL
HB 576	ED&A	ITL 15-0	Support ITL
HB 583	Judiciary	OTP/A 12-6	Oppose OTP/A
HB 596	Judiciary	ITL 14-1	Support ITL
HB 599	ED&A	OTP/A 16-2	Support OTP/A
HB 610	Judiciary	ITL 16-2	No Recommendation
HB 614	Finance	ITL 14-11	No Recommendation
HB 619	Criminal Justice	OTP/A 16-2	Oppose OTP/A
HB 623	Finance	ITL 22-2	Support ITL
HB 630	Science Tech & Energy	OTP/A 16-3	Support OTP
HB 659	Ways & Means	OTP/A, 11-7	Oppose OTP/A
HB 664	Commerce	OTP/A 15-4	No Recommendation
HB 668	Commerce	OTP/A 16-3	No Recommendation
HB 670	Judiciary	ITL 15-1	No Recommendation
HB 673	Criminal Justice	ITL 16-3	No Recommendation
HJR 1	Legislative Admin	OTP 9-0	No Recommendation
HR 7	State Federal & Veterans	ITL 6-4	Support ITL
SB 1	Finance	OTP/A 18-0	Support OTP/A

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
REGULAR CALENDAR – PART I**

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

HB 472, relative to residential units in rooming houses. **MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 10-7.**

HRA Analysis: This bill gives tenancy status to occupants of rooming houses who reside in the rooming house for 90 days or longer, eliminating the ability of landlords to restart the clock by moving the occupant to another unit in the same rooming house. By conferring tenancy status, this bill increases regulations and restrictions on rooming house landlords, since there are more regulations when dealing with a tenant than when dealing with an occupant. The Platform, Part I, says we should "minimize business regulations."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP, support ITL.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 153, prohibiting the designation of industrial hemp as a controlled substance. **OTP. Vote 17-2.**

HRA Analysis: The Platform states we “Support low cost means to protect, develop and market agricultural ... products.” Industrial hemp is an agricultural product currently prohibited in New Hampshire and this bill would repeal the restriction.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP.

HB 247-FN, increasing compensation for wrongful incarceration. **OTP. Vote 10-9.**

HRA Analysis: This bill restores increases the compensation for wrongful incarceration from \$20,000 to \$20,000/year. No constitutional or platform issue identified, and very few cases (zero or one) have occurred.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

HB 453, repealing the prospective repeal of the information and analysis center. **MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL Vote 14-5.**

HRA Analysis: This bill perpetuates the fusion center, a separate bureaucracy within the Department of Safety that collects and shares data on criminal activities, terrorist threats, and natural disasters. With no fiscal data available, we don't know how much this center costs or how much good it performs. Rather than extending its life, its existence should be balanced against other priorities in the budget. The Platform, Part II, says we “prioritize programs to ensure effective spending.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP. Support ITL.

HB 498, permitting the use of firearms by military or veterans groups in the compact part of a town for military or veterans events, or national holidays. **ITL. Vote 13-6.**

HRA Analysis: The Platform states that “We believe that freedom can exist only in a nation that is willing to defend it. The utmost honor must be bestowed upon those who are willing to serve and sacrifice in the United States Military. Let us never forget those whose greatest sacrifice has protected a free and strong America for all.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, support OTP.

EDUCATION

HB 161, relative to school district policies on health and sex education. **OTP/A. Vote 13-5.**

HRA Analysis: This bill clarifies in statute the constitutional right of parents to conscientiously object to materials, or programs, taught in the public school system. The New Hampshire Constitution states in Part First, Article 4 that the right of Conscience is an unalienable right. The committee amendment waters down the bill and should be opposed.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose the committee amendment, support OTP.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 576, establishing Franklin Pierce Day. **ITL. Vote 15-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill would perpetually honor Franklin Pierce, during whose term in office the Republican Party was founded by New Hampshire abolitionists. The Platform confirms “our party was formed in the fight to end the despicable practice of slavery.”

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.

FINANCE

HB 486-FN-A, making an appropriation for the purpose of paying residential care providers at the Chase Home for Children. **OTP. Vote 24-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill authorizes a payment required by court order after the state lost a lawsuit, paying from previously set-aside FY2012 funds. The Constitution, Part I, Article 14, states “Every subject of this state is entitled to a certain remedy, by having recourse to the laws.”

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP.

HB 614-FN, limiting the authorization for new annual general fund-supported debt. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 14-11.**

HRA Analysis: This bill sharply limits state borrowing. The Platform, Part I, states we should “limit the growth of state spending,” but the mechanism here would hamper legitimate, necessary borrowing, as for capital projects.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 623-FN-A, funding for eligible and completed drinking water, wastewater, and landfill closure projects. **ITL. Vote 22-2.**

HRA Analysis: This bill would mandate state payments towards these local projects. The Platform, Part II, states we must “prioritize programs to ensure effective spending” and considering this program as part of the budget does so.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 271, stating that New Hampshire will not accept expanded Medicaid. **ITL. Vote 13-6.**

HRA Analysis: This bill simply prevents the expansion of Medicaid as a part of Obamacare. The Platform, Part III, says we should “Oppose the implementation of Obamacare in New Hampshire.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, support OTP.

HB 452, relative to Food and Drug Administration approval of medication, equipment, and therapies. **ITL. Vote 11-6.**
HRA Analysis: This bill authorized licensed health care facilities to use medications, equipment and therapies not approved by the FDA. While we support patients and medical professionals deciding on therapies, this bill appears incomplete.
HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

JUDICIARY

HB 118, legal immunity for 911 calls for drug or alcohol related emergencies. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 11-7.**

HRA Analysis: This bill grants immunity from some crimes when calling 911. No platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

HB 409, relative to the issuance of a default judgment in landlord-tenant actions. **ITL. Vote 15-4.**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires a tenant who has failed to attend an eviction notice and is appealing the decision, to pay rent until the issue is settled. The Platform, Section IV, states we “promote personal responsibility and consequences for one’s actions.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, support OTP.

HB 483-FN, relative to information regarding abortion. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 13-6.**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires abortion providers to provide females seeking an abortion with information to assist them in making a good decision. Considering the importance of the decision and its long-lasting effects, females seeking an abortion should be provided with as much information as possible. The Platform, Section V, states we should “support the unborn child’s fundamental right to life, and implement all possible legal protections.” This bill assists in that mission.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, support OTP.

HB 583, relative to proceedings of medical injury claims screening panels. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 12-6.**

HRA Analysis: This bill modifies the procedures of medical malpractice screening panels. The Platform, Section IV, states we “sunset programs . . . to force periodic reevaluation.” The panels are being reevaluated this year.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP, support ITL.

HB 596-FN-L, relative to service of notice of civil actions. **ITL. Vote 14-1.**

HRA Analysis: This bill is trying to fix a problem that is not there. Landlords have a procedure set in law to follow when presenting a tenant with a notice. If HB596 were to pass, tenants not answering their doors could lead to a delay in receiving notices, which in turn would lead to the landlord being fined each day the notice is late. The Platform, Part I, would have us “foster an attitude of assistance and cooperation with business.”

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HJR 1, directing the joint legislative historical committee to acquire and display a portrait of suffragist Marilla Marks Ricker. **OTP. Vote 9-0.**

HRA Analysis: This resolution honors Ms Ricker, a New Hampshire historical figure, the first woman to vote and the first woman admitted to the Bar.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 362, banning corn-based ethanol as an additive to gasoline sold in New Hampshire. **OTP/A. Vote 11-6.**

HRA Analysis: This resolution bans ethanol, when will not affect the price or supply of gasoline. Since ethanol is heavily subsidized by the federal government, not using it supports the platform plank “limit spending and growth of government.”

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HR 7, urging the New Hampshire congressional delegation to sponsor and support a constitutional amendment to re-establish the authority of the states and Congress to regulate campaign spending by entities created by law. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 6-4.**

HRA Analysis: This resolution encourages Congress to pass laws limiting the free speech of corporations by forbidding them to advocate political actions and candidates. The Constitution, Part 1, Article 22, asserts that “Free speech and liberty of the press are essential to the security of freedom in a state” and political speech needs the strongest protections.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

TRANSPORTATION

HB 146, increasing the speed limit on a portion of I-93 to 70 miles per hour. **OTP. Vote 10-4.**

HRA Analysis: This bill increases the speed limit on the northern part of I93 to its design speed, 70 mph. The Platform restates that all people “have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, unimpeded by intrusive government regulation and control.”

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP.

HB 242, relative to child passenger restraint requirements. **OTP/A. Vote 12-3.**

HRA Analysis: This bill expands the scope of child restraints to children up to eight years of age. The Platform, Part V, states we should “maintain the fundamental role and responsibility of both parents in the care ... of their children.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, support ITL.

HB 289-FN, increasing certain speed limits to 70 miles per hour. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 14-1.**

HRA Analysis: This bill increases the speed limit on the interstates to 70 mph, 60 mph for the 55 mph zones. These highways were designed for these speeds and most people travel at them. The Platform restates that all people “have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, unimpeded by intrusive government regulation and control.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, support OTP.

HB 291-FN, increasing certain speed limits to 75 miles per hour. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 14-1.**

HRA Analysis: This bill increases the speed limit on the interstates to 75 mph, 60 mph for the 55 mph zones. This is the upper limit of current speeds. The Platform restates that all people “have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, unimpeded by intrusive government regulation and control.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, support OTP.

HB 302, relative to restrictions on holders of youth operators’ licenses. **ITL. Vote 12-3.**

HRA Analysis: This bill forbids youth to carry any non-family passenger for the first six months of their license, and also extends their curfew to 11 pm-6 am. We believe that parents, not lawmakers, should be making and enforcing the rules for young operators. The Platform restates that all people “have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, unimpeded by intrusive government regulation and control.”

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.

HB 345, repealing the prohibition on tinted glass in motor vehicles. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 14-1.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation,

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 314, raising limits on single wagers in games of chance. **OTP/A. Vote 15-2.**

HRA Analysis: This bill simplifies the bookkeeping for charitable gamblers, and raises the maximum bet allowed. The Platform, Part I, states we should “minimize business... paperwork.”

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB 564-FN, relative to simulcast greyhound races. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 11-7.**

HRA Analysis: This bill prohibits simulcasting the vast majority of dog races, eliminating the profitability of the betting parlors. The Platform, Part I, states we should “minimize business regulations.”

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

REGULAR CALENDAR – PART II

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 1-FN-A, increasing the research and development tax credit against the business profits tax. **OTP/A. Vote 18-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill increases the R&D credit and repeals its planned sunset. The Platform, Part II, states we should “cut or eliminate taxes which inhibit enterprise.”

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 405, establishing a committee to study issues related to children and families. **ITL. Vote 15-3.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 539, relative to enforcement of child support orders. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 16-2.**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires the Family Court to have a finding of fact that an obligor has the ability to pay before holding him in contempt of court. Imprisonment of people without the ability to pay the underlying debt or statutory authority is a violation of the Constitution, Part 1, Article 15.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, support OTP.

HB 551, establishing a commission to study the establishment of a paid family leave insurance program, contingent on the availability of federal funds to be administered through the department of employment security and supported by a payroll deduction or other revenue source. **OTP/A. Vote 15-1.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 552, relative to child support expenditures. **ITL. Vote 15-0.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 554, allowing parents to agree on college contributions. **OTP/A. Vote 18-0.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 571, a task force to study and make recommendations on the judicial branch family court division. **ITL. Vote 16-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill would act upon the findings of the Redress of Grievances committee. The Platform, Part VII, states we should "implement reasonable and periodic oversight of judicial officers."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, Support OTP.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

HB 664-FN, relative to the New Hampshire vaccine association. **OTP/A. Vote 15-4.**

HRA Analysis: This bill mandates that companies that are self-insured be assessed for the cost of CDC-recommended vaccines. Currently, these entities are not assessed, although they benefit from the reduced cost of vaccines bought in bulk by the NH Vaccine Association. While the Platform states that we "believe in free markets and free enterprise," and the NH Vaccine Association interferes with the free market regarding vaccines, self-insured companies are getting a "free-ride".

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

HB 668-FN, relative to group and individual health insurance market rules. **OTP/A. Vote 16-3.**

HRA Analysis: This bill changes state law to line up with the requirements of the ACA. State law must reflect these changes or federal law will preempt state law. The Platform Part III, states "oppose the implementation of Obamacare in New Hampshire," however, opposing this bill will not stop the implementation of Obamacare.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 337-FN, legalizing marijuana and cannabis. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 12-8.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 442, prohibiting residency restrictions for registered sex offenders and offenders against children. **OTP. Vote 16-2.**

HRA Analysis: This bill forbids municipalities from enacting these residency restrictions, and invalidates any existing bans. The Platform, Part VI, states we "ensure due process rights for those accused of child abuse" and these restrictions have no due process on individuals who have already served their time for previous crimes.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP.

HB 458, relative to resisting arrest. **ITL. Vote 18-2.**

HRA Analysis: "Resisting arrest" is a very common charge, but if the underlying reason for the arrest is invalid, then all charges should be dropped. The Constitution, part 1, Article 18, states "All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense" and resisting an invalid arrest is not much of a crime.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL and support OTP

HB 512, relative to the power of a peace officer to make an arrest without a warrant. **ITL. Vote 18-2.**

HRA Analysis: This bill limits the ability of a peace officer to arrest someone for a felony without a warrant. The

Constitution, part 1, Article 19, states “ Every subject hath a right to be secure from all unreasonable searches and seizures of his person”, such as being arrested for a felony without a warrant or the actual observation of the officer.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, support OTP.

HB 619-FN, prohibiting images of a person’s residence to be taken from the air. **OTP/A. Vote 16-2.**

HRA Analysis: This bill, as amended, limits the ability of various private mapping or photography businesses to operate by using drones, balloons, or other unmanned aircraft, even with consent. The Platform states “we believe that the NH and US Constitutions were written to limit our government, not our freedom.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A; support a motion to recommit or table.

HB 673-FN, requiring prosecution of an officer for failure to enforce interference with custody. **ITL. Vote 16-3.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

EDUCATION

CACR 7, relating to public education. Providing that the general court shall have the authority to define standards for public education, establish standards of accountability, mitigate local disparities in educational opportunity and fiscal capacity, and have full discretion to determine the amount of state funding for education. **ITL. Vote 14-4.**

HRA Analysis: The platform, Part IV, supports "Local control of education policy and funding" and says we should "Overturn the poorly decided Claremont rulings." By granting the Legislature “full discretion” to define and fund education, this amendment severely limits Judicial authority, and lets the General Court empower local school boards.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, Support OTP.

ELECTION LAW

HB 119, relative to voter registration. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 10-8.**

HRA Analysis: This bill removes the section of voter registration forms which declares that by registering to vote in New Hampshire one is subject to all laws of the State including registering vehicles here and obtaining a New Hampshire driver's license within 60 days. Part First article 11 of the NH Constitution requires that only inhabitants of the State may vote here.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, Support ITL.

HB 448, making changes to state representative districts. **ITL. Vote 11-6.**

HRA Analysis: This bill would redistrict Hillsborough, Belknap, and Merrimack counties in a way more to the preference of the sponsors. The State Constitution provides that the Legislature shall redistrict once every census.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 599-FN, relative to establishing a single liquor commissioner. **OTP/A. Vote 16-2.**

HRA Analysis: This bill eliminates two commissioners, as recommended by every study ever done of the Liquor Commission, and requires the one to be qualified. The platform, Part I, states we should "keep state government lean."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A.

JUDICIARY

HB 610-FN, relative to attorney’s fees and costs in an action against a governmental unit for false arrest. **ITL. Vote 15-1.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 670-FN, relative to marital masters. **ITL. Vote 15-1.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 178-FN-L, relative to binding arbitration in public labor relations disputes. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 18-2.**

HRA Analysis: This bill , as amended, places some new requirements upon the Public Employees Labor Relations Board, which were part of the recommendations made by the 2011 Study Committee on Collective Bargaining on how to bring negotiations to a more timely win-win completion. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

HB 501-FN, relative to the minimum wage. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 15-5.**

HRA Analysis: A business knows better than government what that business can afford to pay their employees. The

amendment reestablishes a NH minimum wage equal to the federal minimum wage. The 'Jobs and the Economy' tenet of our platform states that we support minimizing business regulations.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A; support ITL.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 305, a committee to study the apportionment formula for cooperative school districts for towns with electric generation facilities. **OTP/A. Vote 12-4.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 454, requiring consent prior to the installation of smart meters. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 15-3.**

HRA Analysis: This bill goes further than last year's ban of "smart meter gateway devices", banning even smart meters that simply send meter readings to the utility, without permission. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 465, repealing New Hampshire's atomic energy policy. **OTP. Vote 13-3.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 630-FN, repealing the New Hampshire regional greenhouse gas initiative program. **OTP/A. Vote 16-3.**

HRA Analysis: This bill, as introduced, ended RGGI, a multi-state contraption to tax ratepayers to buy carbon allowances and then use the money for energy efficiency projects at politically connected organizations like Dartmouth and Stoneyfield Yogurt. As amended, it simply ensures the proceeds of the carbon allowances are used for low income weatherization. The platform, Part II, says we should "work to reduce energy costs and remove New Hampshire from RGGI."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose the committee amendment, support OTP or OTP/A.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 399-FN, establishing the New Hampshire liberty act. **OTP/A. Vote 16-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill prevents implementation of two sections of federal law, which violate the Constitutional bans on search and seizure, due process, and a long list of other clauses in both the federal and state constitutions.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 659-FN-A, increasing the tobacco tax. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 11-7.**

HRA Analysis: This bill increases the cigarette tax. The Platform, part II, says we "strongly oppose new taxes and fees."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A; support ITL.

REMOVED FROM CONSENT

HB 353, relative to the regulation of private investigators and security guards. **OTP/A. Vote 20-0.**

HRA Analysis: As amended, this bill makes a number of mostly technical changes. It also adds a new fee for licensing bail recovery agent agencies. The Platform, Part II, states we "strongly oppose new taxes and fees."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A.

HB 189, repealing the commission to study water infrastructure sustainability funding. **OTP/A. Vote 19-0.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 527, repealing the exotic aquatic weeds and species committee. **ITL. Vote 19-0.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 549, establishing a committee to study a constitutional amendment to prevent dedicated funding for a specific purpose from being diverted from that purpose. **ITL. Vote 17-1.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.