

House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

For March 23, 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.



MARCH 23, 2005 REGULAR CALENDAR

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 147, relative to the death penalty. OUGHT TO PASS Vote 9-6.

This bill is a moot point with the recent Supreme Court decision. However, the statement needs to be made that if in fact further scientific evidence has emerged reinforcing our awareness that the 17 year old human brain has not fully developed and is not capable of consistent responsible adult behavior, it should not be capable of adult decisions either, such as in the case of Abortion. Recommendation- Vote your conscience

ELECTION LAW

HB 363, relative to parking at polling places. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT Vote 13-4.

Not an NHHRA issue

No Recommendation

HB 365, relative to recount fees. OUGHT TO PASS Vote 11-4.

No Recommendation

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 55-FN-A, relative to industrial hemp and establishing an industrial hemp special program fund. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. Vote 15-5.

The platform states "Working to prevent over-regulation of business, particularly with respect to small businesses." This bill would give farmers another tool to make farming profitable. Our state should be in the business of growing business. Recommendation- Support OTP.

HB 386, relative to agricultural best management practices. OUGHT TO PASS . Vote 17-1.

No Recommendation

JUDICIARY

HB 283, relative to the commission to examine all aspects of same sex civil marriage and its legal equivalents. MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. Vote 12-6 (11r+1d to 6 d).

The commission is in place and is doing its job. We agree with the republicans on the committee that this bill is unnecessary. Recommendation- Support ITL

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 318-FN-L, relative to providing municipal water supply services. MAJORITY INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE . Vote 15-3. **We believe in local control. This bill, if passed, would allow the state to mandate how, what and when local government does with its water infrastructure.**

Recommendation- Support ITL

HB 367, allowing municipalities to adopt a homestead exemption for property tax assessments on a person's principal place of residence. MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. Vote 11-6.

Part II Art 5 of the New Hampshire constitution states that taxes shall be proportional and reasonable. There are already safeguards in place in the taxation laws for those unable to meet their tax obligations.

Recommendation- Support ITL

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 661-FN, relative to radiological monitoring in nuclear emergency planning zones. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE Vote 13-1. **Unnecessary mandate with the cost passed on to the New Hampshire residents.**

Recommendation- Support ITL

TRANSPORTATION

HB 118, relative to bicycle helmet use by certain minors. WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
Personal responsibility issue here. Government need not be the nanny and law enforcement has better things to do than chase kids on bicycles who aren't wearing helmets. Recommendation Vote ITL.
HB 593, requiring motor vehicle drivers' schools to post bonds. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE Vote 11-2
Another unnecessary mandate sure to drive up costs if implemented. There are existing laws in place to deal with the issue this legislation would singe out. Recommendation- Support ITL

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 466-FN-A, establishing a research and development tax credit against the business profits tax and the business enterprise tax. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE Vote 17-1. **Part VI of the Republican Platform states "We remain committed to making New Hampshire the best place in the nation to live, to visit and to do business, whether for small businesses, traditional manufacturing, or the latest emerging technologies." That is precisely what HB 466 was intended to accomplish.**

Recommendation- Oppose ITL Then Support OTP

HB 522, establishing a committee to study gaming options for New Hampshire. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT Vote 14-4. **Platform says "Oppose casino and video-lottery gambling as means of raising government revenue."**

Recommendation- Oppose OTP then vote ITL

HB 563-FN-A, increasing the tobacco tax. MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE Vote 10 to 8
Article 5 Part II of the NH Constitution says authority to tax the duty of the general court. Not the job of unelected officials to set this kind of tax rate based on what others are doing.

Recommendation- Support ITL

HB 576, establishing a New Hampshire advantage commission. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE Vote 15-0.

No Recommendation

CONSENT CALENDAR

Finance

CACR-1 relating to taxation INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE Vote 22-1

Our platform supports a taxpayer bill of rights. This is TABOR with a twist The state gets to keep the surplus for the rainy day fund.

Recommendation- Oppose ITL Then Support OTP

Transportation

HB679-FN-LOCAL authorizing the electronic enforcement of traffic signal violations Vote 14-0

Forget becoming Massachussetts north, this bill will make us California East. Goes against the constitution- we will now be guilty unless we can prove ourselves innocent, and will not be able to face our accuser, unless you consider a Sony camera a person. It only applies to towns with more than 20,000 people. Apparently towns with 19,999 people don't run red lights. Is this really about safety or is it all about revenue generating? If allowed, this could easily lead to "bounty hunting" schemes by those who get a percentage to run the program to MAKE IT PROFITABLE!

Recommendation- Oppose OTP and then vote ITL

RONALD REAGAN QUOTES

"The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

"Of the four wars in my lifetime none came about because the U.S. was too strong."

"I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress."

"The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination."

"The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program."

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