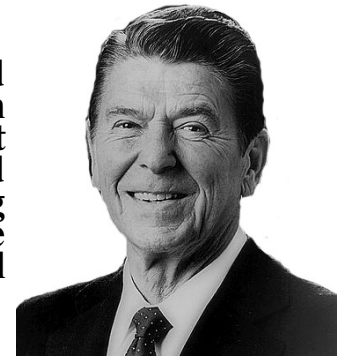


House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

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.



MOTION TO RECONSIDER ON HOUSE BILL 1707 INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

School choice is a major platform issue as stated “Laws should be implemented to encourage school choice and competition and allow all parents to choose the best public, private, charter or home school program for their children.” [and] “School vouchers or tuition tax credits should be made available to assist in school choice.” Therefore, if a motion for reconsideration on this is brought forward it is to move school choice forward.

Recommendation: Support a Motion to Reconsider if one is offered

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SPECIAL ORDERS

COMMERCE

HB 1177, prohibiting smoking in restaurants and cocktail lounges. OTP W/Amendment **Vote 14-3**. This bill is a government knows best bill. History has proven that prohibition only takes away freedom. We strongly urge that this type of legislation be opposed. **Recommendation: Oppose OTP W/Amendment then Support ITL**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 1354, relative to physical force in defense of a person. ITL. **Vote 13-3**. Part First Article 2a of the NH Constitution states: “All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state.” We Agree!! Because a bill that is coming over from the Senate (SB318) covers the first part of this bill, HB1354 will be divided into two parts. Listen carefully to the debate. **Recommendation: Support ITL on the first part then Oppose ITL on the second part and then Support OTP.**

HB 1649-FN, including "unborn child" in the definition of "another" for the purpose of first and second degree murder, manslaughter, and negligent homicide. ITL **Vote 8-5**. The GOP platform states that “the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed upon.” **Recommendation :Oppose ITL then Support OTP**

EDUCATION

HB 1314, relative to an adult roles and responsibilities curriculum. ITL **Vote 8-7** This bill is a leftover from the failed GOALS 2000 program. It opens the door for government schools to develop curriculum that will teach parenting, family issues and marriage. The problem lies with whose version will it teach. These are subjects that must be brought forth by the parent whose version trumps that of any bureaucrat. The GOP platform states that the “family's most important function is to raise the next generation of Americans.” That includes inculcating morals and values promoted and supported at home by the parents. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders and love chatter in place of exercise; they no longer rise when elders enter the room; they contradict their parents, chatter before company; gobble up their food and tyrannize their teachers. (Socrates, 5th Century BC)

ELECTION LAW

HB 1236-FN-L, relative to disclosure of public expenditures related to lobbying and electioneering. OTP **Vote 9-6**. The majority blurb says it all. “Sunshine is the best disinfectant. This quaint phrase reminds us that openness in government leads to accountability. HB 1236 will bring such openness to the use of public funds for electioneering and lobbying by governmental entity.”

Recommendation: Support OTP

HB 1304-FN, relative to the scope of registration of lobbyists and statements of lobbying activities. Refer For Interim Study Vote 15-1.

Recommendation: Support Refer For Interim Study

HB 1490, relative to procedures on ethics violations by legislators. ITL **Vote 9-6**. **No Recommendation**

HB 1567, relative to removing names from the checklist. OTP W/Amendment **Vote 11-6**. The GOP platform states that we will work “to encourage greater voter participation at all levels of government.” This bill will do that as it will make every voter legitimate and every vote count. **Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1258-FN-A, establishing a sunset review process for executive agency and judicial programs and making an appropriation therefor. Refer For Interim Study **Vote 14-0**. This bill promotes accountability in government—a strong GOP platform issue.

Recommendation: Support Refer For Interim Study

HB 1616-FN, establishing a performance measurement system for state agencies. ITL **No Recommendation**

HB 1670-FN, relative to membership on certain prof. reg. boards. ITL **Vote 7-6**. **No Recommendation**

HB 1744-FN-A, authorizing the pari-mutuel commission to regulate games of chance conducted by charitable organizations and relative to tournaments conducted by charitable organizations where chips have no monetary face value. OTP W/Amendment **Vote 17-1**. **No Recommendation**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HJR 20, supporting stem cell research. OTP. **Vote 11-3**. The GOP platform strongly opposes “the use of embryonic stem cells while encouraging scientific research using adult and cord blood stem cells.” There will no doubt be some parliamentary wrangling on this one with a possible motion to table. Listen to the debate.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP then Support ITL or Minority OTPW/Amendment

JUDICIARY

CACR 34, relating to the definition of marriage. Providing that marriage between one man and one woman shall be the only legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state. ITL **Vote 14-7**. The GOP platform states; “We realize that the family's most important function is to raise the next generation of Americans. We place our highest priority on promoting and preserving the family as the most important institution of human development by: Recognizing marriage as the legal union between one man and one woman.” **Recommendation:**

Oppose ITL then Support OTP. If ITL fails but OTP does not get the required 60% a reconsideration will be requested. If reconsideration passes Amendment #1037 will be introduced and then Support OTPW/Amendment#1037

Excess generally causes reaction, and produces a change in the opposite direction, whether it be in the seasons, or in individuals, or in governments. --Plato

HB 1336, relative to administrators of estates. ITL **Vote 14-7**. **No Recommendation**

HB 1548, relative to termination of tenancy. ITL **Vote 13-7**. The GOP platform supports property rights and small business. This bill attempts to correct a Supreme Court ruling that interfered with the property rights of a small business, in this case, the rental business. In dissenting Judge Nadeau wrote “The effect of the majority’s interpretation “is to create a perpetual tenancy, virtually a life interest, in favor of a tenant of [restricted property] covered by the statute. ... I do not believe that was the intent of RSA 540:2.” Under the majority’s interpretation, lease provisions purporting to limit the lease to a specified duration have no meaning. (emphasis added) We agree!

Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP

HB 1682, relative to parental notification of a parent or legal guardian of a child who has been provided with emergency contraception by a pharmacist. ITL. **Vote 13-7**. This bill would make a parent aware that their child has been given a high dose emergency contraceptive. The GOP platform supports parental notification by opposing “actions that inhibit and/or supplant the role of parents in the care and upbringing of children.”

Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP

HB 1719-FN, defining human life as beginning at the moment of fertilization. ITL **Vote 14-6** The GOP platform states in “believing the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed upon.”

Recommendation: Oppose ITL then support OTP

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 1138, relative to required pay for employees called into work. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 8-7**. Government has no business mandating how an employee will be reimbursed by an employer when called in to work and we totally agree with the minority blurb.

Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment then Support ITL

HB 1496, establishing a right to work act which provides for freedom of choice on whether to join a labor union. ITL **Vote 14-1**. The GOP platform states: “Support the "right to work" by adopting legislation necessary to ensure this principle for all workers.”

Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 1687, extending certain studies. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 11-0**.

No Recommendation

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 1195, rel. to salary and comp. increases included in a default budget. ITL **Vote 11-1**.

No Recommendation

HB 1293, establishing a procedure for towns to change county affiliation. ITL. **Vote 11-3**.

No Recommendation

HB 1366, relative to a planning board's authority to require public access to open space as a condition of subdivision approval. OTP. **Vote 9-7**. This bill is a property rights issue and we agree with the Majority blurb.

Recommendation: Support OTP

HB 1558, relative to regulation of smoking by cities and towns. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 12-3** The GOP platform states we promote protecting the fundamental rights of the people and enhancing their freedom and 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.” This bill goes against both of these principles.

Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment then Support ITL

HB 1760, allowing municipalities to adopt a property tax exemption for property using, manufacturing, or supplying bio-heat systems. ITL **Vote 11-3**. We agree with the majority blurb in that “this is another bill that would shift the property tax burden from this exemption to other taxpayers within the municipality.

Recommendation: Support ITL

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 1443, re:priorities for development of (ATV) and trail bike trails. ITL **Vote 12-7**.

No Recommendation

HB 1523, re: certain rulemaking authority of the comm.of envir. serv. OTP **Vote 10-7**

No Recommendation

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 1673-FN, relative to the reduction of mercury emissions. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 13-2**. The GOP platform supports “bringing all of New Hampshire's coal and oil-fired power plants into compliance with clean air standards.” This bill is a step in the right direction.

Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment number 2006-1093h

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1738-FN, prohibiting the use of surveillance devices to identify motor vehicles. ITL **Vote 12-1**. The right of privacy is a basic fundamental right. Privacy in this day and age of technology must be fiercely guarded . Once lost, it cannot be regained.

Recommendation: Oppose ITL then Support OTP With a Possible Floor Amendment

TUESDAY, MARCH 21 REGULAR CALENDAR

FINANCE

HB 627-FN, relative to including persons 17 years old in the juvenile justice system. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 15-4**. The original minority blurb stated that the passage of this bill would add approximately \$7.3 million dollars to the budget without taking into account additional monies needed to be raised locally, guaranteeing tax increases in the future. To go forward with a bill without hard numbers and where the money will come from is fiscally irresponsible. The GOP platform advocates fiscal responsibility and encourages responsible spending.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP W/Amendment then Support ITL

HB 1189, relative to audits by the legislative budget assistant. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 14-6**. This bill is an accountability bill and the platform supports accountability. While not everything we would hope for, it is a step in the right direction.

Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment

HB 1241-FN-L, extending the kindergarten construction aid program. **OTP Vote 15-4**. The state has dangled the kindergarten carrot for seven years now. This bill as amended adds \$1.7 million to the non-lapsing total bondable amount allowed while publicly stating no additional dollars are being offered. The Finance Committee blurb admits that they may offer a bill to sunset this program. Why wait? **Recommendation :Oppose OTP W/Amendment and Support ITL**

HB 1474-FN, relative to unemployment compensation contribution rates and benefits. **OTP Vote 17-2**. The blurb reads like a tax increase and life support for maintaining a bloated bureaucracy.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP then Support ITL

HB 1697-FN, relative to certain state salaries. **OTPW/Amendment Vote 17-0**.

No Recommendation

HB 1735-FN, rel. to awarding the state employees' health insurance plan. **OTP Vote 19-0**.**No Recommendation**

SB 110-FN-A, establishing the New Hampshire Rx plus program for prescription drugs. Refer For Interim Study **Vote 17-2**. When this bill first came to the full house we agreed with the minority blurb and supported less government bureaucracy and costs associated with them and supported ITL. We still do but do not object to Refer for Interim Study.

Recommendation: Support Refer For Interim Study

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, SPECIAL ORDER

JUDICIARY

CACR 30, relating to limits on the taking of private property. Providing that eminent domain shall not be used to transfer ownership of real property for private use or economic development. **OTP W/Amendment. Vote 11-9**. Property rights are the foundation of our economic system. States, cities and towns are greatly expanding the interpretation of "public benefit" to include taking private (residential) properties and turning them over to development corporations for commercial or industrial projects that generate much higher tax revenues. The absence of clear language in the NH Constitution leaves interpretation of "public use" open to judicial interpretation. There is growing pressure to expand the case law definition of "public use" as population density drives development. This amendment prevents any eminent domain taking for purposes of transferring property from one private party to another on the grounds that the public will benefit from development or other private use of the property. Our country was founded on rights of property. Article 2 of the NH Constitution states a certain natural, essential and inherent right is the right of acquiring, possessing and protecting property. We agree.

Recommendation: Support Committee Amendment 2006-0982, then support OTP/A.

If the Committee Amendment fails, support Floor Amendment 2006-1249h, then support OTP/A.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 REGULAR CALENDAR

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 1692-FN, establishing the New Hampshire sexual predators act. **MAJ: OTP W/Amendment. Vote 17-2**. Personal responsibility- You do the crime, you do the time. **Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 642-FN-L, relative to the regulation of home inspectors. **ITL Vote 11-3**. The GOP platform supports business by "working to prevent over-regulation of business." **Recommendation: Support ITL FINANCE**

HB 1167-FN-A, making an appropriation to the land and community heritage investment program. **OTP W/Amendment Vote 13-8**. This bill is a "Pork Barrel" bill. The GOP platform states that "Low taxes are the result of low spending" and supports fiscal responsibility. At a time when Counties are being short-changed on PSP rebates, the disadvantaged are begging for services, the elderly are struggling just to survive, and businesses, like the paper mill in Berlin, are shutting down eliminating good jobs forever, we have no business giving precious tax dollars to LCHIP, an unaccountable organization, that then turns around and doles it out to their friends and close associates.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP W/Amendment

HB 1384, relative to standardizing the format for special education budgets. Refer For Interim Study **Vote 15-5**. This bill had no FN requirement, and was hijacked in an attempt to kill it by Interim Study. It does not need further study, it needs to be implemented so there will be a requirement across all districts to report the same expenses, calculated in the same manner, on the same forms already in use, to the same agencies. The only change to the current process is to standardize, and improve the accuracy and consistency of reporting across the state for all school districts budgets and DOE-25 forms. Only by reporting the actual SPED costs can we maximize the amount of funding we can receive back from the Federal Government, and in turn shift that portion of the tax burden from the local property taxpayers to the Federal Government.

Recommendation: Oppose Refer For Interim Study then Support OTP

HB 1626-FN-A, making an appropriation to the office of energy and planning for the fuel assistance program. OTP W/Amendment **Vote 19-2**. **No Recommendation**

HB 1249-FN-A-L, rel. to state reimbursement for school breakfasts and making an appropriation therefor. OTP **Vote 17-4**. **No Recommendation**

HB 1459-FN-A, relative to the department of regional community-technical colleges and making an appropriation therefor. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 21-0**. Our GOP platform states that "Low taxes are the result of low spending."

Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment then Support ITL

HB 1464-FN-A-L, relative to mosquito control, establishing a mosquito control fund and making an appropriation therefor. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 21-0**. Our GOP platform states that "Low taxes are the result of low spending."

Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment then Support ITL

HB 1608-FN-A, making an appropriation to reimburse certain health and human services providers for the increased cost of utilities, heating, and mileage. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 21-0**. Our GOP platform states that "Low taxes are the result of low spending." This bill increases spending to providers already under contract.

Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment then Support ITL

HB 1710-FN-A, relative to appropriations to the department of health and human services for health care providers. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 21-0** Our GOP platform states that "Low taxes are the result of low spending."

Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment then Support ITL

HB 1726-FN, requiring the state to pay legal fees for certain supreme court justices. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 15-4**. This bill is a spending bill "snuck in" or brought before the House on the last day of the biennium that we can act on House bills. It would seek to have us ignore that fact that the House hearings during the 2000 session on the underlying matters were lengthy and led to findings of serious wrongdoing against each of these individuals. The bill also seeks to reverse a decision made back then by the Legislature not to pay these legal fees. HB 1726 should have gone to the Judiciary Committee and inappropriately relies for authority on a state statute that addresses defense and indemnification in civil cases brought against state employees, and not proceedings related to ethics and removal from employment. Our party platform emphasizes taking "personal responsibility as the primary means to counteract unlawfulness." These individuals should take responsibility for the serious conflicts of interest that led to all of them having been found to have acted inappropriately by the Judiciary Committee and one of them being impeached, and not come back to the Legislature asking for personal favors not extended to others who have been similarly charged under the claim that somehow, in the face of such findings of wrongdoing, they prevailed in the matter by escaping removal. There are numerous amendments being proposed to the bill, all of which warrant careful consideration and support, but in the final analysis this reimbursement should not have been sought and should be, once again, denied.

Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment then Support ITL

HB 1591-FN-A, requiring tobacco tax revenue attributable to tobacco sales to minors and tobacco consumption by minors to be deposited in the tobacco use prevention fund for youth tobacco use prevention programs and purposes. MAJ. ITL. **Vote 13-8**. Fiscally responsible solution to a fiscally irresponsible bill. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor and bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government."
--Thomas Jefferson

HB 1767-FN-A, authorizing the state acquisition of real estate destroyed in the October 2005 floods, establishing a commission to determine the appropriate use of the property, and making an appropriation therefor. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 20-0**. While there is compassion for those who suffered losses during the flood, HB1767 sets a dangerous precedent. What would happen if we had a major hurricane along the coast? Would the state now be responsible to purchase all the ocean front property of Hampton, Rye and Seabrook? This is not fiscally responsible spending of taxpayer dollars. **Recommendation: Oppose OTPW/Amendment then Support ITL**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 1495, relative to setback requirements for landfills located near rivers. MAJ. OTPW/Amendment. **Vote 11-8**. The minority blurb makes a convincing argument that emotion and not fact propelled this bill forward. The numbers were arbitrarily picked, no consideration was given to elevation differences and to the permeability of the ground, all factors which can be handled by the Department of Environmental Services (DES) under existing law and rules. The GOP platform and our constitutions protect rights of property and we oppose excessive regulation. **Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A then Support ITL**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 317-FN, relative to mooring fees. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 14-3**. A fee by any other name is a tax. The mooring program spends \$150,000 per year. Current mooring fees raise about \$125,000. This bill would raise \$190,000 with the amendment and \$255,000 without it. Why not cut spending 17% instead of raising fees 52%? **Recommendation: Support the Amendment, Oppose OTP/A, then Support ITL**

HB 634-FN-A, relative to solid waste reduction, establishing a solid waste disposal fee, and renaming the recycling market development steering committee MAJ.: Refer For Interim Study. **Vote 14-4**. This bill is a tax bill and a tax is a tax is a tax! While we would rather see an ITL we are not opposed to a Refer For Interim Study. **Recommendation: Support Refer For Interim Study**

HB 678-FN, relative to the insurance premium tax. MAJ.OTPW/Amendment **Vote 15-2**. The GOP platform strongly supports lowering taxes, especially if it will help promote a better business climate. **Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

HB 1311-FN-A, relative to the electronic filing of reports and applications with the secretary of state and relative to certain fees paid to the secretary of state. OTPW/Amendment **Vote 12-4**. Openness and accountability are part of the GOP platform. **Recommendation: Support OTPW/Amendment**

HB 1701-FN-A, relative to boat fee agents of the department of safety, increasing the boat registration fee, and relative to the prevention of exotic aquatic weeds. ITL **Vote 9-7**. A fee by any other name is a tax! The GOP platform opposes fees and supports limited taxes. **Recommendation: Support ITL**

From Ronald Reagan's First Inaugural Speech January 20, 1981

You and I, as individuals, can, by borrowing, live beyond our means, but for only a limited period of time. Why, then, should we think that collectively, as a nation, we're not bound by that same limitation? We must act today in order to preserve tomorrow. And let there be no misunderstanding: We are going to begin to act, beginning today.

The economic ills we suffer have come upon us over several decades. They will not go away in days, weeks, or months, but they will go away. They will go away because we as Americans have the capacity now, as we've had in the past, to do whatever needs to be done to preserve this last and greatest bastion of freedom.

In this present crisis, government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem. From time to time we've been tempted to believe that society has become too complex to be managed by self-rule, that government by an elite group is superior to government for, by, and of the people. Well, if no one among us is capable of governing himself, then who among us has the capacity to govern someone else? All of us together, in and out of government, must bear the burden. The solutions we seek must be equitable, with no one group singled out to pay a higher price.

We hear much of special interest groups. Well, our concern must be for a special interest group that has been too long neglected. It knows no sectional boundaries or ethnic and racial divisions, and it crosses political party lines. It is made up of men and women who raise our food, patrol our streets, man our mines and factories, teach our children, keep our homes, and heal us when we're sick--professionals, industrialists, shopkeepers, clerks, cabbies, and truck drivers. They are, in short, "we the people," this breed called Americans.

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