

House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

For February 15, 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.



FEBRUARY 15, 2005 REGULAR CALENDAR

COMMERCE

HB 117, requiring automobile insurance to register a vehicle. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE **Vote 12-5**. We agree with the committee report and add that it is a personal choice and responsibility to decide how much coverage you want when operating a motor vehicle. **Recommendation - Support ITL**

FINANCE

HB 60-FN-A, relative to reimbursement of legal fees of the commissioner of the department of administrative services and making an appropriation therefor. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT **Vote 20-0**
No Recommendation

HB 71-FN-A-L, relative to funding of the school building aid program for the 2005 fiscal year and making an appropriation therefor. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT **Vote 21-0**.
This could be considered a housekeeping bill Listen to the debate **No Recommendation**

HB 102 FN-A, increasing the personal needs allowance of nursing home residents and certain other residents and making an appropriation therefor. OUGHT TO PASS . **Vote 19-3**.
The party platform says "We are united by our compassion for the truly needy and are committed to respecting our senior citizens by improving their financial security, physical well being and quality of life."
Recommendation- Support OTP

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 240-FN, relative to psychotropic drugs and child protection. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. **Vote 17-4**.
This is a position that is long overdue. The platform Opposes actions that inhibit and/or supplant the role of parents in the care and upbringing of children. **Recommendation- Support OTP W/amendment**

JUDICIARY.

HB 130-FN, relative to limiting the length of involuntary commitment. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
Vote 16-1. **No Recommendation**

HB 231, establishing a commission to study issues relating to personal privacy. MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS . **Vote 13-6**. **No Recommendation**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT - SPECIAL ORDER

HB 142, establishing a commission to study changing the local property tax abatement procedures. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE **Vote 18-0** **No Recommendation**

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 1, urging Congress to withdraw the United States from the United Nations. MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. **Vote 8-6.**

A position growing in popularity as more facts come out about the Oil for Food and other UN scandals. However, not a platform issue. Be sure to listen to the debate.
No Recommendation



Rep John Gibson testifies against the new legislative license plates at Rules Committee

Ronald Reagan Quotes

Spending for government "entitlement" programs—money committed by Congress for various programs in past years that is as good as spent before the administration ever gets a shot at writing its budget—accounts for forty-eight percent of federal spending. To many members of Congress, this money is off-limits forever: Once a program gets started, it's virtually impossible to reduce or stop it. Every one of these programs—most of which were born or expanded enormously during the explosive growth of big government in the 1960s and 1970s—develops a powerful constituency in Congress, and a bureaucracy that is dedicated to preserving it. As I once said in a speech, the tendency of government and its programs to grow are about the nearest thing to eternal life we'll ever see on this earth."

From Ronald Reagan's 1990 Speech at The Westminster College Cold War Memorial

And now, let me speak directly to the young people and the students here. I wonder yet if you've appreciated how unusual -- terribly unusual -- this country of ours is?

I received a letter just before I left office from a man. I don't know why he chose to write it, but I'm glad he did. He wrote that you can go to live in France, but you can't become a Frenchman. You can go to live in Germany or Italy, but you can't become a German, an Italian. He went through Turkey, Greece, Japan and other countries, but he said anyone, from any corner of the world, can come to live in the United States and become an American.

Some may call it mysticism if they will, but I cannot help but feel that there was some divine plan that placed this continent here between the two great oceans to be found by people from any corner of the earth -- people who had an extra ounce of desire for freedom and some extra courage to rise up and lead their families, their relatives, their friends, their nations and come here to eventually make this country.

The truth of the matter is, if we take this crowd and if we could go through and ask the heritage, the background of every family represented here, we would probably come up with the names of every country on earth, every corner of the world, and every race. Here, is the one spot on earth where we have the brotherhood of man. And maybe as we continue with this proudly, this brotherhood of man made up from people representative of every corner of the earth, maybe one day boundaries all over the earth will disappear as people cross boundaries and find out that, yes, there is a brotherhood of man in every corner.

Thank you all and God Bless you all. Ronald Reagan



Rep Neal Kirk at a Rules Committee Meeting