

House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

“TRUST BUT VERIFY”

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 16

REGULAR CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 47, exempting inheritances from marital assets for purposes of divorce settlements. **MAJORITY: ITL. MINORITY: OTP. Vote 14-3.**

The NHGOP platform "favor(s) equitable treatment of both parents in child custody and child support determinations." The NH Constitution P1, A2 enumerates the acquisition, possession and protection of property. This proposed law would protect the possession of property by families and insure the ability to pass property on to heirs.

Recommendation: Oppose ITL, then Support OTP.

COMMERCE

HB 267, relative to certain small loans. **MAJORITY: ITL. MINORITY: OTP. Vote 12-6.**

This is a contentious bill with compelling arguments on both sides. One side argues personal responsibility and the destruction of a legitimate business. The other side argues the social and welfare costs. Listen to the debate and make your decision.

No Recommendation

HB 461, relative to purchasing alliances. **OTP. Vote 15-2.**

A core Republican belief is fair market competition. This bill fosters greater competition in the market place among insurance carriers and is supportive of business.

Recommendation: Support OTP.

HB 620-FN, repealing the statutory provisions regarding small loans, title loans, and payday loans and establishing a general statutory usury rate. **OTP/A. Vote 15-3.**

No Recommendation

HB 686-FN, relative to the regulation of tracking devices. **MAJORITY: ITL. MINORITY: OTP. Vote 12-6.**

This is the Anti-Big Brother Bill. The NHGOP platform states that we "respect the privacy of the individual." Absent a compelling state interest, the individual has a right to privacy.

Recommendation: Oppose ITL, Then Support OTP.

HB 711-FN, requiring insurance coverage for the cost of hormone treatment drugs for transsexuals. **MAJORITY: ITL. MINORITY: OTP. Vote 14-4.**

This legislation is a mandate on business that translates into higher prices for consumers. It's a simply matter of economics. Every time we mandate a coverage, we increase the cost of health insurance. This constitutes a taxation through commerce, as we are, in essence, requiring that everyone pay for the optional medical treatment of a few. While there is a public policy line to be drawn in assessing which treatments should or should not be covered, in this case you cannot even see that line from here.

Recommendation: Support ITL.

HB 759-FN, relative to administration and enforcement of banking laws. **OTP/A. Vote 18-0.**

Do not see a Platform or Constitutional issue here.

No Recommendation.

HB 799-FN, establishing a criminal usury rate for interest rates. **OTP/A. Vote 15-3.**

The amendment changes the bill from establishing a criminal usury rate to one regulating Title Loans.

No Recommendation

HB 894-FN, requiring insurance coverage for bariatric surgery for diabetics. **MAJORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. MINORITY: OTP/A. Vote 14-4.**

There are compelling arguments on both sides. This legislation is a mandate on business that can translate into higher prices for consumers. However, there is a public policy line to be drawn in assessing which treatments should or should not be covered. This is a medically accepted procedure which can, and in some cases, must be used to save the lives of individuals. It also concerns a malady that afflicts millions of people. On one side there is a mandate on business. On the other side we have an issue of fairness and compelling medical necessity. Traditionally, when this has occurred, we have made no recommendation.

No Recommendation.

SB 131, relative to insurance coverage for services of midwives. **MAJORITY: OTP/A. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 10-5.**

A mandate on private business with little medically compelling arguments.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, Then Support ITL.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 404-L, prohibiting state and local law enforcement agencies from enforcing federal immigration laws. **MAJORITY: ITL. MINORITY: OTP Vote 14-1.**

This bill would make New Hampshire a "Sanctuary State." New Hampshire has a constitutional obligation to abide by the laws of the United States. The NHGOP platform encourages that we "Develop and implement a comprehensive Homeland Security Program for New Hampshire consistent with the Federal Homeland Security Department plan." In addition, the platform specifically recognizes that New Hampshire is a "sovereign state" whose values and laws should be respected and followed. Illegal Immigration is a threat to the idea of sovereignty and is a clear challenge to the rule of law.

Recommendation: Support ITL.

EDUCATION

CACR 14, relating to cherishing public schools. Providing that state aid to public schools cannot decrease unless the number of students decreases. **ITL. Vote 11-3.**

No Recommendation.

HB 352-L, relative to trust funds for public school educational enhancement. **OTP/A Vote 16-1.**

The NHGOP platform endorses "local control of education policy and funding." This enabling legislation allows local school districts to have greater freedom in meeting the needs of students and the community.

Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB 678-FN, revising the special education program approval and monitoring process. **OTP/A. Vote 13-2.**

The original bill was replaced with one establishing a committee to study issues related to cochlear implants.

No recommendation.

HB 679-FN-L, relative to delivery of special education services. **MAJORITY: OTP/A. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 10-4.**

The Special Education bills have generated much controversy. Some say they were designed to make the monitoring and application of SPED consistent with Federal law. Others say they are overreaching and costly. Listen to the debate and make your decision.

No Recommendation

HB 766-FN, making changes to the laws relating to special education. **MAJORITY: OTP/A. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 12-3.**

Same reasoning as in previous bill. Listen to the debate and make your decision.

No Recommendation

HB 778-FN-A-L, relative to a preeminent scholastic educational foundation. **ITL. Vote 13-0.**

Any movement to define "adequacy" is a capitulation to the Supreme Court's inappropriate encroachment in education funding. While we may not agree with the reasoning of the committee, we agree with the outcome.

Recommendation: Support ITL

HB 789-FN-A-L, providing supplemental education grants for certain school districts. **ITL. Vote 13-0.**

Any movement to define "adequacy" is a capitulation to the Supreme Court's inappropriate encroachment in education funding. While we may not agree with the reasoning of the committee, we agree with the outcome.

Recommendation: Support ITL

HB 888-FN-A, relative to instructional and operational costs of providing an adequate education. **ITL. Vote 13-0.**

Any movement to define "adequacy" is a capitulation to the Supreme Court's inappropriate encroachment in education funding. While we may not agree with the reasoning of the committee, we agree with the outcome.

Recommendation: Support ITL

HB 904-FN-L, defining an adequate education and relative to calculating the cost of an adequate education and adequate education grants. **ITL. Vote 12-0.**

Any movement to define "adequacy" is a capitulation to the Supreme Court's inappropriate encroachment in education funding. While we may not agree with the reasoning of the committee, we agree with the outcome.

Recommendation: Support ITL

ELECTION LAW

CACR 8, relating to the term of office of the governor and the election of the attorney general. Providing that the governor's term of office shall be 4 years and that the attorney general shall be elected by the house of representatives and the senate. **MAJORITY:**

OTP/A. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 11-6.

The party platform promotes "a limited government that is open, responsive and fully accountable to and in touch with its citizens." A 2 year term for governor gives the people greater power over the chief executive.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, then Support ITL

HB 48, relative to the definition of "party" for election purposes. **ITL. Vote 15-2**

No Recommendation.

HB 186-FN, relative to random recounts. **MAJORITY: ITL. MINORITY: OTP/A. Vote 9-8.**

Candidates have the ability to request a recount any time they believe one is necessary. Absent any evidence of machine error, there is no reason why the taxpayers should be saddled with the expense of having "random" recounts when no request for one is made.

Enough recounts occur normally to statistically approach randomness.

Recommendation: Support ITL.

HB 233-FN-A, specifying compensation for ballot law commissioners. **OTP. Vote 10-7.**

New Hampshire government is based on a tradition of volunteerism. The Ballot Law Commissioners are not forced to serve against their will. It should be an honor to serve. If an individual cannot, then step aside for one who will. While mileage reimbursement may be appropriate, a stipend is not.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP, Then support ITL.

HB 271, making political and commercial advertising placed illegally on public property subject to state litter laws. **MAJORITY: ITL. MINORITY: OTP. Vote 13-2.**

Political signs are free speech and a symbol of the strength of our election process. In a free society, political speech needs to be protected.

Recommendation: Support ITL.

HB 454, relative to meetings of the supervisors of the checklist. **ITL. Vote 10-6.**

No Recommendation

HB 683, relative to nominations by party committees. **OTP. Vote 12-4.**

Mixed feelings here. It is preferable to give voters a choice and make races competitive. On the other hand, if a candidate is too disinterested to sign up, then why should party bosses have the authority to install a candidate? Use your best judgment.

No Recommendation

HB 794-FN, relative to campaign contributions and expenditures. **OUGHT TO PASS OTP/A. Vote 10-7.**

This commission is a prelude to an attempt to procure public funding of campaigns. There are enough critical needs for which the government must tax its citizens. Funding of elections by raiding public coffers places an additional burden on an already overtaxed populace.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, then support ITL.

HB 809, relative to restrictions on political advertising. **ITL. Vote 14-2.**

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Recommendation: Support ITL

SB 45, changing the name of the ballot law commission to the elections and ballot law commission, increasing the membership of the commission, and requiring the commission to propose redistricting plans. **ITL. Vote 17-0.**

This bill would have attempted to shift responsibility for re-districting away from the legislature and allow the Ballot Law Commission to do so. This would be a dilution of the Legislature's Constitutional responsibility.

Recommendation: Support ITL

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 76-FN, creating an environmental policy for New Hampshire. **MAJORITY: OTP/A. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 10-6.**

This bill would amend the duties of the office of energy & planning and create a position of Environmental Protection Ombudsman to be elected by the legislature. This bill would add time and cost to government operations. So much for smaller, leaner and a more efficient government.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, Then Support ITL.

HB 172-FN, establishing the position of state meat inspector. **MAJORITY: OTP/A. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 15-1.**

This bill would create a position IF the USDA did something. This is very premature and is micromanaging an executive department.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, then Support ITL

HB 503-FN, relative to establishing a solid waste management fund and assessing a surcharge for the disposal of solid waste.

MAJORITY: OTP/A. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 15-2.

This is a regressive tax of \$0.01 per beverage container. It does not encourage recycling as the consumer cannot redeem the container. The NHGOP platform rejects higher taxes.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, then Support ITL

HB 666-FN, establishing a license fee for the sale of animal vaccines. **OTP/A. Vote 17-0.**

A fee is a charge to cover the cost of issuing a license. A tax raises money for another purpose. This is a tax designed to squeeze money from those big, bad pharmaceutical companies to pay for spay and neutering services. Heaven forbid those who cause the problem should have to pay for it.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, then Support ITL.

HB 877-FN, relative to the state recycling program. **MAJORITY: OTP/A. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 17-1.**

The bureaucrat's mantra is "when in doubt, form a committee." This is an especially good one as it micromanages the executive branch (contrary to the constitution) and costs the taxpayer's \$450,000 per annum.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, then Support ITL

HB 924-FN, relative to the deconstruction of buildings. **MAJORITY: OTP/A. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 14-3.**

This bill mandates that 75% of the materials in deconstruction (except hazardous and unusable material) of buildings funded in whole or in part with state funds be reused or recycled. This is micromanaging the executive branch without demonstrated evidence of need. In addition, there is no factoring of costs vs benefits which should be a prime consideration when spending the public's money.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, Then Support ITL.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 65, relative to the appointment of the director of the division of ports and harbors. **OTP/A. Vote 14-2.**

Any attempt to strengthen a non-elected, independent bureaucratic authority at the expense of elected constitutional officers should be required to demonstrate an overwhelmingly critical need. This hurdle has not been met.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, then Support ITL.

HB 174-FN, relative to regulating residential building and remodeling contractors. **MAJORITY: OTP/A. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 8-6.**

This is another example of a relatively small problem being countered with the proposal to expand the size of government. Instead of strengthening the consumer protection laws, form a bureaucracy. When in doubt, throw a bureaucrat at it.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP, Then Support ITL.

HB 544, relative to exemptions from auctioneering for Internet sales. **OTP. Vote 13-2.**

This bill exempts e-bay, electronic type sellers from being required to have an auctioneer's license. Not requiring a license (and accompanying fee) needs to be supported.

Recommendation: Support OTP

HB 818, establishing a committee to study reestablishing the port authority as an independent agency. **ITL. Vote 13-1.**
Bill deemed moot.

No Recommendation

SB 94, relative to the office of information technology. **OTP/A. Vote 13-0.**

No Recommendation

FINANCE

CACR 6, relating to education funding. Providing that the state may meet its funding obligations under Article 83 by providing aid only to those communities that, in the reasonable judgment of the general court, are in need of such aid. **ITL. Vote 14-9.**

As this recognizes the Supreme Court's determination of a funding obligation (definition of cherish), we support the committee's ITL, but not for their stated reasons.

Recommendation: Support ITL

HB 577-FN, establishing the number of associate justices of the superior court. **OTP/A. Vote 14-9.**

Currently the Judiciary is clearing 97 percent of their superior court cases in a timely manner. Despite requests for analysis of the cases that were not cleared promptly, they refused to provide backup for that 3 percent. Additionally, there have been a number of vacancies on the bench which are just being filled. With these vacancies filled, clearance of cases would increase and the court might be near or at 100 percentage clearance. The NHGOP Platform asks that we limit the growth of state spending. This increase cannot be justified.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, then Support ITL.

HB 752-FN, relative to per pupil funding for charter school pupils. **ITL. Vote 17-6.**

The NHGOP Platform encourages school choice, among them Charter Schools. We understand this bill needed some corrections, which procedural issues prevented. As such, we take no position.

No Recommendation

SB 117-FN, relative to fireworks display permits and the position of permissible fireworks inspector. **OTP/A. Vote 21-1.**

This bill provides reasonable oversight of a hazardous activity and had support from industry and the Fire Marshall.

Recommendation: Support OTP/A

FISH AND GAME

HB 527-FN-A, establishing a recreational saltwater license for fishing of marine species in coastal and estuarine waters. **ITL. Vote 12-0.**

Decision by the committee was to hold off until federal action occurs.

Recommendation: Support ITL

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 265-FN-A, relative to the waiting list for services to persons with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders and making an appropriation therefor. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Vote 11-8.

No Recommendation

HB 630-FN, relative to an electronic controlled drug prescription monitoring program. **MAJORITY: OTP/A. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 15-3.**

The collection of sensitive personal information on law abiding citizens in a government data base should have a compelling security nexus. Prescription drug abuse does not meet this test.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, then Support ITL.

SB 102-FN, relative to the powers of state government in the event of an incident or outbreak of communicable disease. **OTP/A. Vote 20-0.**

It is the fundamental duty of a government to protect its citizens and maintain order.

Recommendation: Support OTP/A.

JUDICIARY

CACR 2, relating to the definition and constitutionality of judicial and legislative acts. Providing that the Supreme Court shall determine the constitutionality of judicial acts and the legislature shall determine the constitutionality of legislative acts.

MAJORITY: ITL. MINORITY: OTP. Vote 15-5.

This Constitutional Amendment restores the balance of power originally conceived by the founding fathers. In addition, it curbs the judicial activism which is undermining the confidence of the electorate when they see the will of the people, through their elected representatives, being undermined by unelected judges.

Recommendation: Oppose ITL, Then Support OTP.

HB 40, relative to living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care. **MAJORITY: ITL. MINORITY: OTP. Vote 15-5.**

This bill removes the words "or copy" from the living will law passed last term. This new law allows someone to use a copy, fax or e-mail of a living will as authority to remove life support. Under the old law only the original document was the authoritative document that expressed the patient's wishes. This bill requires original documents be produced in order to stop life sustaining treatments and thus end the life of another. It also prevents the use of obsolete documents.

Recommendation: Oppose ITL, Then Support OTP.

HB 57, relative to advance directives for durable powers of attorney and living wills. **MAJORITY: ITL. MINORITY: OTP. Vote 12-6.**

Has our society come to a point where we have to regulate the choices a dying person has as they live out the last moments of their lives. Requiring that the desires of a dying person comply with statutory choices is comical if it we not so tragic. It's the diner scene in the movie "Five Easy Pieces" played out in a hospital room.

Recommendation: Oppose ITL, Then Support OTP.

HB 443, relative to requirements for admission to the New Hampshire bar upon motion. **MAJORITY: ITL. MINORITY: OTP. Vote 15-4.**

This bill would afford the same privileges to a graduate of a non-ABA accredited law school as given to a graduate of an accredited law school relative to bar admission by motion. As this legislation progressed through the legislative process the Supreme Court reinterpreted, rather than changed its rule to comply with the intent of the bill. Thus it is open to re-interpretation at a later date. Placing this change into statute would end any chance of this blatant discrimination resurfacing.

Recommendation: Oppose ITL, then Support OTP.

HB 455, repealing the law relative to screening panels for medical injury claims. **MAJORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 13-7.**

The law requiring screening panels for medical injury claims has proven ineffective, with increased costs and delays. Rather than face the issue, the committee majority voted to refer the bill to Interim Study. The minority felt interim study was unnecessary and voted ITL. Whereas the NH Constitution, Part 1, Article 14 guarantees a citizen access to the court "promptly, and without delay," it is apparent that passage of the bill is in the best interest of New Hampshire citizens.

Recommendation: Oppose Refer For Interim Study, Then Support OTP. Should OTP Fail, Then Support ITL.

SB 32-FN, increasing the maximum amount of debt or damages for small claims actions. **MAJORITY: OTP/A. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 14-6.**

Small claims court was originally intended to handle small cases between lay litigants. As the size of the cases has grown, so has the propensity for involvement by professionals. As judgments increase, so will the mismatches between litigants increase.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, Then Support ITL.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 399, relative to variable rates of overtime. **OTP/A. Vote 9-3.**

No Recommendation

HB 436, expanding employee freedom of expression to all public employees. **OTP/A. Vote 9-3.**

Conflicting arguments. On the one hand, this bill creates another avenue for public employees to sue the towns and cities and it might erode the authority of certain public officials. On the other hand, it could serve to protect employees who expose government waste but whose actions wouldn't be covered under the "whistleblower" statutes.

No Recommendation

HB 690, relative to job skill training in volunteer work by unemployed individuals. **OTP/A. Vote 10-3.**

This bill allows a person on welfare to continue to collect benefits and get job training credit while volunteering for certain approved non-profit organizations. There are conflicting arguments. The person may only volunteer and get job training credit at an approved non-profit where the person will receive valuable job-training. The GOP Platform states that we will work to "continue our emphasis on educating and training our work force." A contrary view alleges that this is subsidizing certain non-profits with public - taxpayer - money given said non-profits in the form of labor performed by welfare recipients.

No Recommendation

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

CACR 9, relating to: registers of probate. Providing that: the requirement that registers of probate be elected be removed. **OTP/A. Vote 13-1.**

No Recommendation

HB 208, relative to the definition of swine as a nuisance. **ITL. Vote 14-1.**

No Recommendation

HB 310, allowing municipalities to regulate small wind energy systems. **MAJORITY: OTP/A MINORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. Vote 10-3.**

This bill overrides local zoning regulations when it comes to small wind energy systems. They are small only in their power output, not their size. Are we really ready for subdivisions studded with these devices? The platform encourages the preservation of "Scenic Vistas." This needs more study.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, then Support Refer to Interim Study.

HB 445-FN-L, relative to the assessment of open space land. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. Vote 12-0.**

No Recommendation

HB 717, allowing municipalities to establish local community services and care planning boards. **MAJORITY: OTP/A. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 7-6.**

In the immortal words of Yogi Berra, "It's déjà vu all over again." This is a similar bill to the one last term which was ITL'ed in committee, 13-4. The HRA position stated, "The GOP platform supports 'limited government and volunteerism.' This bill would allow for the creation of government bureaucracies to oversee volunteerism." This is big brother run amok.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, then Support ITL.

SB 85, relative to eligibility for the property tax exemption for the disabled. **OTP/A. Vote 11-1.**

No Recommendation

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 592-FN, relative to tolls on the Everett Turnpike. **ITL. Vote 14-0.**

No Recommendation

SB 84, establishing procedural requirements to improve implementation of the 10-year highway plan. **OTP/A. Vote 14-0.**

The intention of the bill is to increase the accuracy and efficiency of government.

Recommendation: Support OTP/A

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 441-FN-A, establishing a non-motorized trails grant program and making an appropriation therefor. **ITL. Vote 9-5.**

The bill would micromanage the activities within the parks department.

Recommendation: Support ITL

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY.

HB 295, relative to the definition of biomass and biomass fuel. **OTP/A. Vote 11-0.**

The NHGOP Platform "Encourage(s) the use and development of renewable energies." This bill adds needed definitions in a sector of the renewable energy spectrum.

Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB 855, relative to renewable energy generation incentive payments. **ITL. Vote 10-1.**

The committee recommended ITL for procedural reasons. We support that recommendation but for the reason that using tax money to support an industry runs counter to free market principals.

Recommendation: Support ITL

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 856, relative to the definition of veteran. **ITL. Vote 11-1.**

The unintended consequences on the bill far outweighed the possible benefits.

Recommendation: Support ITL

TRANSPORTATION

HB 847, relative to general rules for vessels operating on water. **MAJORITY: OTP/A. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 7-6.**

Again, In the immortal words of Yogi Berra, "It's déjà vu all over again." This is a similar bill to the one last term establishing a speed limit on lakes in New Hampshire except this bill limits itself to Lake Winnepesaukee. It has all the same arguments and controversy. It also passed committee by one vote. The HRA took a position against the previous bill, citing the existence and sufficiency of the Safe Passage Laws and the Reasonable and Prudent safe operating standard. In the absence of countervailing persuasive evidence, this recommendation is unchanged.

Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, Then Support ITL

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 185-FN, extending the duration of the CROP zone tax credits program and expanding the state jobs grant fund. **OTP w/A. Vote 15-3.**

This bill generates conflicting views. The NHGOP Platform supports "Working to provide an environment favorable to increasing the creation of private sector jobs." The Community Redevelopment and Opportunity Program uses tax incentives to promote redevelopment and job creation in economically depressed areas. This bill is supported by business groups. A contrary view is that this bill is in opposition to free enterprise and uses the tax code, instead of free market forces, to pick winners and losers. Remember, someone else's taxes need to be higher to make up the budget shortfall. Use your best judgment.

No Recommendation

HB 886-FN-A-L, relative to funding an adequate education. **MAJORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. MINORITY: ITL. Vote 13-5.**

This is a gambling bill retained to examine this source of revenue. The NHGOP Platform states it "oppose(s) casino and video-lottery gambling as means of raising government revenue." This is unequivocal.

Recommendation: Oppose Refer to Interim Study, then Support ITL

Reagan Quotes

"This fellow they've nominated claims he's the new Thomas Jefferson. Well let me tell you something; I knew Thomas Jefferson. He was a friend of mine and Governor... You're no Thomas Jefferson!" - Republican National Convention, 1992

"Welfare's purpose should be to eliminate, as far as possible, the need for its own existence." -Los Angeles Times, January 7, 1970

"Cures were developed for which there were no known diseases." - Commenting on Congress and the federal budget, 1981

"We don't have a trillion-dollar debt because we haven't taxed enough; we have a trillion-dollar debt because we spend too much." -Address to National Association of Realtors, March 28, 1982

"The men of Normandy had faith that what they were doing was right, faith that they fought for all humanity, faith that a just God would grant them mercy on this beachhead or the next. It was the deep knowledge -- and pray God we have not lost it -- that there is a profound moral difference between the use of force for liberation and the use of force for conquest." - Normandy, France, June 6, 1984.

We will never forget them, nor the last time we saw them -- this morning, as they prepared for their journey, and waved good-bye, and "slipped the surly bonds of earth" to "touch the face of God." - Speech about the Challenger disaster, January 28, 1986

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it." - Remarks to the White House Conference on Small Business, August 15, 1986

"How do you tell a Communist? Well, it's someone who reads Marx and Lenin. And how do you tell an anti-Communist? It's someone who understands Marx and Lenin." - Remarks in Arlington, Virginia, September 25, 1987