

MAJORITY REPORT

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From the desk of the Majority Leader



The Majority Office would like to thank those of you who supported our positions on the floor of the House this past week. We are nearing the half-way point of the first legislative session of the biennium and, while we have accomplished much together, there is still a lot of work to be done before the summer break. It is time now, more than ever, to work together to provide the citizens of our state with a better education funding plan, a modernized Medicaid program a balanced budget that is fiscally sound, and an economic climate and infrastructure that will attract business to New Hampshire.

There is no question that our party is one of many philosophical differences. But we are also a party that comes together for the common good, when faced with tough issues. I would argue that debate within our party is one of the strengths of our party. Do we have differences of opinion on many issues? Absolutely. Are we one-hundred percent in agreement on every issue? Absolutely not. But we do have one thing in common, however—we are guided by the ideals set forth by the Republican Party. As a Majority Office, we certainly establish positions on many issues, but we welcome a healthy debate and exchange of ideas on all issues.

Despite the many philosophical differences within our ranks, we have come together to accomplish many things this session. We are very close to arriving at a solid education funding plan; we have taken an important first

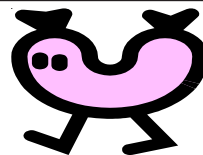
ATTENTION FELLOW REPUBLICANS

Former US House Speaker Newt Gingrich will be the keynote speaker at the NH Republican State Committee reception on Monday, April 18th at C.R. Sparks in Bedford. To reserve your tickets, contact Jen Wroblewski at State GOP headquarters at (603) 225-9341

step towards modernizing the Medicaid program of health care for the less fortunate, the elderly and disabled; and we are sending a bill over to the Senate that will establish a small group insurance mechanism and create a composite band of case characteristics that will be used to establish premiums.

While many members disagreed with us on the need to raise the minimum wage in our State, the debate was both positive and healthy for our party. We still feel strongly that the Majority Office took the correct position on the issue and we will continue to oppose any legislation that we feel will have an adverse effect on the economy of New Hampshire. But, it is time now to move onto the next issue at hand.

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The Majority Office invites you to a *Hot Dog Social* Wednesday, April 20 during the lunch-time break from the House session at the Upham Walker House



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Next Wednesday we face a much lighter schedule on the floor of the House, with 18 bills on the Consent Calendar and six bills on the Regular Calendar. The session will begin at 10:00 A.M., with the Republican caucus set for 9:15 A.M.

I look forward to working with each and every member of our party over the second half of the session. Let's roll up our sleeves and, together, continue to work for the common good of the Republican Party.

There will be a **briefing on HB 691-FN-L**, relative to the medicaid program, in Representatives Hall on **Tuesday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m.** The briefing will be given by the Finance Committee and the Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee.....

The Finance Committee will hold budget and education funding briefings on **HB 1-A**, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, **HB 2-FN-A**, relative to state fees, funds, revenue, and expenditures, and **HB 616-FN-L**, relative to the education property tax and the education equity index, in Representatives Hall on **Monday, April 18th** and **Tuesday, April 19th** at **1:00 p.m.**

*When dealing with legislation,
please remember our*

Goals & Objectives

- ✓ Solve the Education funding problem by creating a formula that is fair and equitable, while eliminating donor towns and repealing the statewide property tax.
- ✓ Create a balanced budget that is fiscally sound, with realistic revenue and expenditure projections, and with no new or increased taxes.
- ✓ Provide better access to quality health care and prescription drugs at affordable prices; Medicaid reform; review and possibly revise SB110; and tort reform.
- ✓ Protect the integrity of the voter system
- ✓ Work to provide an economic climate and infrastructure that will attract businesses to the State.



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