



# MAJORITY REPORT

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## *From the desk of the Majority Leader*

We have a busy week ahead of us in the House. Supreme Court Chief Justice John T. Broderick will address a Joint Session of the Legislature on the State of the Judiciary on Wednesday, February 23 at 1:00 P.M. Prior to his address, we will hold our Republican Caucus in Representatives Hall at 12:15 P.M.

Following the day's session, we hope to see you all at the first Majority Office social event of the year. Van McLeod, the Commissioner of Cultural Arts for New Hampshire, has graciously allowed us to use the New Hampshire State Library to hold this event. There will be musical entertainment and plenty of food and beverage. This will be a good opportunity for Republicans in the House to get to know each other beyond their committee level.

The winter break begins the following week and we hope that you all enjoy your vacation and return safely to resume the business of the House. Please keep in mind that Tuesday, March 8th is Town Meeting day, thus no meetings or hearings will be scheduled on that day.

Finally, we appreciate the input we continue to receive in the Majority Office from our membership. Our doors are always open. If you have any issues you need to discuss with us, please stop by our office, either in the State House (RM313) or in the Legislative Office Building (RM212A).

I look forward to seeing you all at the social on February 23rd.

## **IMPORTANT SESSION DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- March 9th and 10th (10:00 A.M.)
- March 23rd (1:00 P.M.)
- March 30th and 31st (10 A.M.)
- April 13th and 14th (10 A.M.-Crossover)
- April 27th (10 A.M.)
- May 11th and 12th (10 A.M.)
- June 8th and 9th

*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.



The Majority Office *SUPPORTS* the Committee Reports on the following bills:

**CACR 2**

This bill provides that judges shall be appointed to 5-year terms of office, which may be renewed. It came out of

**Judiciary ITL, 17-1.** We support the committee report because:

- A five year term would be so short as to discourage many qualified lawyers from leaving private practice for judicial office.
- A three-term governor could, in theory, appoint every judge in the state.
- Judgeships could become political.

**HB 427**

This bill would repeal common law marriages in New Hampshire. It came out of

**Judiciary ITL, 17-5.** We support the committee report because:

- This law is used on a limited basis in New Hampshire to establish inheritance rights.
- To qualify for inheritance, the survivor must prove three elements as defined in law.
- The committee heard no evidence that this ancient law was being abused.

**HB 304-FN-A**

The Bill is enabling legislation that will allow the state to issue

federal highway grant anticipation bonds, sometimes known as “Garvee Bonds,” for the purpose of financing costs relating to the widening of I-93. It came out of **Public Works and Highways OTP, 14-1.** We support the committee report because:

- The ten-year highway plan will not be materially affected by the bonds.
- The bonds are secured with federal transportation grants.
- The DOT may receive funds in anticipation of federal grants.
- The bill allows for the resale of surplus property, purchased for the widening of I-93, to pay for the issuance of bonds.



Please vote to **SUPPORT** the committee reports!



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