

MAJORITY REPORT

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From the Desk of the Majority Leader

The Majority Office would like to thank our members who took time to attend our “Information Gathering” sessions at the Upham Walker House last week.

The sessions were extremely valuable in developing our priorities for the current legislative session.

I would like to remind all of our members that the doors to the Majority Office are always open and we invite you to stop in at anytime. If you have an issue within your committee, Pam Price and I are more than happy to discuss it with you.

We also have opened an office at Room 212A of the Legislative Office Building. If you need to speak with a member of the leadership team, please stop by and our administrative assistant Janet Clayman will contact us.

I hope to see many of you at our first Majority Office social gathering that we have planned for February 16th. It will be a good opportunity for everyone to get to know each other.

Majority Office Website Changes Address!!!

You can visit www.nhhousegop.com -- the new address of the Majority Office website. It will be updated on a regular basis with timely information, including the latest news from the Majority Office. If you'd like to add an important event to the calendar, please contact the Majority Office.

Majority Office Priorities Announced

Education Funding & Budget Head the List

Education funding and a **balanced budget** head the list of priorities set forth by the House Majority Office at a Republican caucus at the State House on Thursday morning. Majority Leader Mike O’Neil and Majority Whip Pam Price presented a list of priorities that resulted from a series of “Information Gathering” sessions held over the past two weeks. The Majority Office also sought input from committee chairs and vice chairs as well as the Majority Office Liaisons serving on each committee.

According to Majority Leader O’Neil, House Republicans will work this session to create a balanced budget that is fiscally sound with realistic revenue and expenditure projections and no new or increased taxes. “Without question, Republicans in the House strongly feel that solving education funding and balancing the budget are, by far, the two most important issues,” said O’Neil.

House Speaker Scamman has also made it clear that he would like the education funding problem solved sooner rather than later. As a result, the Majority Office will work toward creating a formula that is fair and equitable, while eliminating the donor towns and repealing the statewide property tax. (*See other side*)

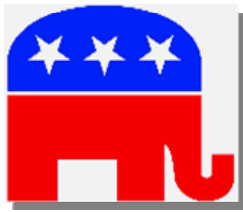
Majority Office Liaisons Appointed

Rep. Mary Griffin Named to Lead Liaisons

The Majority Office Liaisons, who will enhance the communication between the committees and the Majority Office were announced this week.

This new approach to the committee structure is intended to promote sound and positive communication between the Majority Leader’s Office and each member of their committee. The goal is to foster dialogue that is streamlined and cohesive and to ensure that our legislative objectives this session are on target with the Republican objectives outlined at the January 20 caucus.

Rep. Mary Griffin of Windham has agreed to lead the liaisons and will be working directly with the Majority Office. (*see other side for complete listing*)



Priorities (cont. from page one)

Other issues presented at the caucus include: **Providing Affordable and Accessible Healthcare:** by using free market approach to attract additional health insurance providers to lower health insurance costs, review SB 110 with the possibility of revising problem sections, reform the tort system, analyze the Granite Care program, while protecting our vulnerable citizens, and ensure the continued fiscal health of NH and promote efficiencies in health delivery. **Election Law Reform:** protect integrity of the voter system, and to improve the process for all eligible citizens; and **Economic Development:** provide an economic climate that will attract more businesses to NH, promote and sustain job growth, and grow tourism to increase revenues for the Granite State. We will also work to maintain and improve our state infrastructure system.

“We have a lot of work ahead of us, but we have taken a big step by identifying our priorities. Now we must work together to move forward,” said O’Neil

Save the Date!!

For our first Majority Party social gathering. Wednesday, February 16th at the conclusion of the House session. Come and meet your fellow Republican members! There will be entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, and beverages.

The location is still to be determined. We’ll post it in the calendar and you’ll find the information on the Majority Office website. Hope to see you all there!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- TUES., JAN. 25TH**CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN MEET. 9 AM, ROOMS 201-203, LOB
- WED., JAN. 26TH**.....HOUSE SESSION, 1 PM
- TUES., JAN. 31ST**ALL LEGISLATORS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND FILE THE ANNUAL “FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM” WITH LEGISLATIVE ETHICS NO LATER THAN THIS DATE.
- THURS., FEB. 3RD**.....LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE HOUSE BILLS AND LAST DAY TO AMEND HOUSE RULES BY MAJORITY VOTE.
- WED., FEB. 16TH**MAJORITY OFFICE SOCIAL FOLLOWING SESSION.

--Liaisons appointed (continued from front page)

You are encouraged to directly address any issue or concerns that you may have in committee with your respective liaison:

- Child & Family Law.....Carolyn Gargasz
- Commerce.....Matt Quandt
- Criminal Justice
& Public Safety.....George Winchell
- Education..... Mark Carter
- Election Law..... Sandy Reeves
- Environment &
Agriculture.....Burton Williams
- Executive Departments &
Administration.....Alida Millham
- Finance.....Bob Dodge
- Fish & Game.....Bob Barker
- HHS & Elderly Affairs..... Phyllis Katsakiores
- Judiciary.....Don Buxton
- Labor, Industrial &
Rehab Services.....Sharon Carson
- Legislative Administration..... Elbert Bicknell
- Municipal & County
Government.....Bob Brundige
- Public Works & Highways.....John Graham
- Resources, Recreation &
Development.....Richard Cooney
- Science, Technology &
Energy.....Lee Slocum
- State-Federal Relations &
Veterans’ Affairs.....Russ Albert
- Transportation..... Jean-Guy Bergeron
- Ways and Means..... Shawn Jasper