



MAJORITY REPORT

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From the desk of the Majority Leader...

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of yet another biennium in the legislature. I am very proud of what House Republicans have been able to accomplish over the past two years.

- (1) We balanced the state budget while spending fewer General Fund dollars than in the previous biennium.
- (2) We appropriated nearly \$50M to the Rainy Day Fund.
- (3) We established a strong sexual predators act to protect our children.
- (4) We developed a formula for funding public education that is perhaps the best education funding plan that the legislature has created since the Claremont ruling was handed down.
- (5) Through the passage of SB125 we were successful in making corrections to legislation (SB110) that allowed insurance companies to pass along large increases to

those who were more at risk or who lived in the wrong geographical location. We have now successfully eliminated geography and health status as rating factors in setting insurance premiums.

(6) We made changes to the eminent domain statute, established a committee to study eminent domain issues in the future, and placed the issue of eminent domain before the voters in November.

(7) We created a new set of ethics guidelines for state government.

At the beginning of the current biennium, with the help of our Republican caucus, we agreed on a list of legislative priorities that would guide us as we debated the important issues of the session.

While we were able to pass several bills under the category of "Ethics and the Voting Process," Governor Lynch has chosen to veto two important bills that were designed to strengthen the voting laws in our state.

On Wednesday, June 28, I am asking all Republicans to vote to override these vetoes. **HB 345**, requiring a photo ID to obtain a ballot, and **HB 1566**, relative to the definitions of resident for motor vehicle law purposes and domicile for voting purposes, both address the concern of many that our voting system does not have sufficient safeguards.

I have enjoyed serving as your Majority Leader for the past two years. I firmly believe that the State of New Hampshire is in much better shape now than it was when we began the journey together two years ago. I thank you all for your commitment to Republican issues!

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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & CAUCUS

**State House Room 100
Breakfast starts at 8 a.m.**

**Caucus at 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday, June 28, 2006**

**All members of the
Republican Caucus
are invited to stop by!**





On the following question:

Notwithstanding the Governor's veto, shall this bill become law.

PUSH THE GREEN BUTTON!

HB 345

Requiring photo identification to obtain a ballot.

- Photo IDs are currently required to board a plane, enter federal buildings, and cash a check—voting is equally important.
- Requiring Photo IDs in NH would inspire greater confidence in the electoral process, thereby promoting participation in voting.
- Realizing that some individuals may not have such an ID in effect, the bill allows such voters to sign an affidavit claiming that has occurred and then proceed to vote.
- The trend nationally is to require voter ID cards—24 states now require them and 12 other states are considering the move.

HB 1566

Relative to the definitions of resident for motor vehicle law purposes and domicile for voting purposes.

- This bill does NOT nullify any right to vote because it neither requires a NH driver's license to vote nor does it require someone to obtain a NH driver's license if they vote when they otherwise do not want to have a driver's license.
- Under this bill, by voting in NH, a person is confirming residency for motor vehicle purposes and must get a license and change vehicle registration if they want to drive or keep a vehicle on the road.
- Clearly defining when residency begins does not discriminate against anyone except those who would choose to vote in a NH election and then claim that doing so is not confirmation of NH residency.



Please Join Us for a Reception for

House Speaker Doug Scamman

following his final session at the podium.

Wednesday, June 28, 2006

Rooms 210-211

Legislative Office Building

Members, staff and friends will join together to wish Doug a happy retirement following 40 years of service to the State of New Hampshire.

(light snacks, hors d'oeuvres, and beverages will be served)