



MAJORITY REPORT

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From the desk of the Majority Leader

Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed the session break and had an opportunity to relax and spend time with your families. It was also good to see many of you at the first Majority Office social of the year, held at the State Library following our last session. It was a good chance for us all to get to know our colleagues outside of the committee structure. We thank you for helping us to make this first social a success. Our thanks also go out to Van McLeod, the Commissioner for Cultural Arts, for opening up the State Library to us. There will be more opportunities for us to get together in the coming weeks as the Majority Office is already planning future events.

It is also time to roll up our sleeves this week as we face a busy legislative calendar ahead. We currently have 29 bills listed on the regular calendar (17 early bills) and 89 bills (27 early bills) on the consent calendar. As a result, the Speaker has set aside Wednesday **and** Thursday, March 9 and 10, for session days. Each day will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Speaker has also indicated that, while he would like to get as much business done on Wednesday, the session should run no later than 5:00 p.m. We also remind you that a Republican caucus will be held at 9:00 a.m. in Representatives Hall prior to each session. A good turnout is important to the Republican objectives as we deal with over 100 pieces of legislation.

I would also like to take a moment to thank Representative Larry Elliott for his contributions during his five terms in the

*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.

House. He has especially been a strong supporter of the Majority Office during this session, and he will be missed. We wish him well in all his future endeavors.

Please remember that the doors to the Majority Office are always open.



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

HB 57 This bill would prohibit incineration of construction and demolition debris, including wood products, that have been sorted and washed at recycling centers. It came out of **Science, Technology & Energy, ITL, 11-4**. We support the committee report because:

- Relegating this amount of debris to landfills would have a serious impact on existing landfill sites.
- The DES recommends land fill as a last resort.
- HB 315 is the best solution for dealing with this material.

HB 190 This bill proposes adding Continuous Monitoring Devices on stationary air pollution sources and installing new source monitors as they become available. It came out of **Science, Technology & Energy, ITL, 10-3**. We support the committee report because:

- The costs associated with this mandate would be a significant burden to NH businesses.
- The impact on state owned sources would require expenditures in excess of \$10M.

HB 276 This bill would reduce the number of nomination papers needed to run for office. It came out of **Election Law, ITL, 11-4**. We support the committee report because:

- The bill sets an unreasonably low number of nomination papers needed to run for certain offices.
- Reasonable requirements should be met before being allowed to run for office.

HB 339 The bill would require the moderator, prior to election day, to post a description of the areas where electioneering is permitted and prohibited. It came out of **Election Law, OTP with amendment, 12-4**. We support the committee report because:

- The amendment extends the posting time to three days.
- Applying uniformity to rules surrounding electioneering locations will simplify the election process.

HB 438 This bill requires improved environmental standards for small incinerators. It came out of **Science, Technology & Energy, ITL, 9-6**. We support the committee report because:

- This bill is a duplicate of HB 414, recommended OTP with amendment on the consent calendar.
- Member cities & towns of the facility would end up paying half the costs for additional controls.

HB 604-FN The bill eliminates the use of tokens on the turnpike system on January 1, 2006. It came out of **Public Works and Highways, OTP, with amendment, 14-0**. We support the committee report because:

- It will save approximately \$750,000 a year in the purchasing and handling of tokens.
- The amendment eliminates the mandate that a toll discount for E-Z Pass users be offered to NH residents.



Please vote to SUPPORT the committee reports!