

MAJORITY REPORT

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From the desk of the Majority Leader



Our first session day is still a few weeks away, but the Majority Office is already gearing up and working hard toward another successful House session. Throughout the summer months, with the help of our committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs, along with input from the Republican Caucus, we established a list of legislative priorities for the coming session. We invite you to attend our next caucus on November 9th for an in depth discussion of these goals and priorities. Also, prior to the caucus, please join us for a continental breakfast at 9:00 AM at the Upham Walker House. This will be a great opportunity for many of us to get together socially for the first time since last June.

Although it is not a budget year, there are several major issues that we will be facing in the coming weeks including the Batula/Foster Predator Act, among others. Representative Batula and Senator Foster will serve as cosponsors of this legislation, which has already received strong bipartisan support in the House and Senate.

Please keep in mind, that if you need Majority Office support for your legislation, contact one of the members of our leadership team.

Since we last met, both the Majority office and the Speaker's office have lost two key personnel, but we were extremely fortunate to have

been able to find two very qualified people to fill those positions. We'd like to officially welcome Kelly Dowling as the new House Information Officer. She brings a wealth of experience in many areas to this position. You'll find her in the reception area of the Speaker's office.

The previous House Information office has now been setup as the new Majority Office lounge. This will afford our members more room to gather for coffee while at the State House. There is also a computer terminal in the lounge for your use.

We would also like to welcome to the Majority office staff,

former Representative Paul Smith. As many of you may recall, Paul resigned from the House at the end of last session due to a change in his residency. Paul brings a strong knowledge of the legislative process to the staff and I am sure that he will be able to hit the ground running. With his knowledge of the issues facing us this session, there is no question that he will be an asset to our team.

This summer the House and the Senate, under the leadership of Speaker Scamman and President Gatsas, laid the foundation for a strong working relationship. While there will always

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Republican Caucus

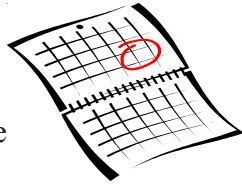
**Representatives Hall
Wednesday, Nov. 9, 10:00 AM**



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***Important Dates
to Remember***



- Fri., Nov. 4 (3 PM)—The last day to sign-off on all House bills for the 2006 session.
- Thurs., Dec. 1—The last day to report retained bills.
- Wed., Jan. 4, 2006—Last day to introduce House Bills for the 2006 session and the 1st Session Day.

Recent News of Interest

**Batula-Foster Predator Bill
Headed for the House**

The Batula-Foster Predator Bill, a bi-partisan effort to severely punish those who would sexually prey upon the children of NH appears ready to be introduced and fast-tracked in the House of Representatives.

**NH Receives \$34M Bill from
Federal Government**

The federal government recently notified the NH Department of Health & Human Services that the State will now have to payback \$34M over the next biennium to help finance the new prescription drug benefit for people on Medicare. However, legislative leaders believe that if the federal government wants to take responsibility for prescription drugs for those on both Medicare and Medicaid, then they should pay for it, just as they are doing with the rest of the seniors across the country.

**Legislature Begins Disaster
Relief Effort**

A special legislative committee, recently formed to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina along the US Gulf Coast, today began, in earnest, to redirect those efforts to help those in the southwestern part of the State of New Hampshire who were affected by the recent devastating floods.

For details on these and other headlines, please visit: <http://www.nhhousegop.com/Press.htm>

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exist philosophical differences between the two chambers on certain issues, it is critical that we continue to enjoy an open line of communications.

I would also like to personally thank those members who took the time to participate in the recent telethon to raise funds for the flood victims in the southwestern part of the State. Thanks to your effort, it was a tremendous success.

I am looking forward to the session ahead and I am confident that we can fulfill our goals and objectives if we work together, as Republicans. I hope that we can have a good discussion surrounding our goals and objectives when we all meet at the Republican caucus on November 9th. As always, my door is open to our membership and anytime. I hope to see you all at the caucus in November.

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