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From the desk of the Majority Leader...

For the first time since 1954 the Legislature has voted to return for a Special Session, on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 1:00 p.m. I congratulate members of the House Republican Caucus for coming together and working hard to make this happen. It is clear that the democratic party has put New Hampshire's First-In-The-Nation-Primary in jeopardy and now they are trying to create chaos with our statewide elections. It was an important issue that called for us to stick together as a party and to ratify a ballot plan proposed by Secretary of State William Gardner in response to a Supreme Court ruling. Once a petition with the necessary signatures was presented to Secretary Gardner and the ballots were sent out, 211 out of a possible 242 Republicans (87%) agreed that this issue warranted returning to the State House.

No bill shall be introduced into the House the subject matter of which is not included in the final paragraph of the Petition which resulted in the Call for the Special Session.

The Rules of the Session, as prepared by the House Clerk and agreed upon by House and Senate leadership, as well as the House Rules Committee, will ensure that the ballot will be the only issue that we will address during the special session. These rules were emailed to our membership last Wednesday and are also available to view on our website (www.nhhousegop.com). I ask that you vote support these rules on the floor of the House on Tuesday.

Under House Rule #27, "enactment of laws, as provided in the Petition which resulted in the Call for Special Session, shall be by bill. No bill shall be introduced into the House the subject matter of which is not included in the final paragraph of the Petition which resulted in the Call for the Special Session."

**YOU'RE INVITED TO
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LUNCHEON & CAUCUS

**State House Room 100
Luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m.
Caucus at 12:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006**



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



The NH Superior Court held a hearing on Secretary Gardner's proposal last Wednesday and Judge Conboy will hold her judgment in abeyance until Thursday, or after we have met in Special Session. As a result, I have co-sponsored a bill, along with Sen. Clegg, which supports Secretary Gardner's plan calling for candidates with surnames beginning with the letter selected by the secretary of state (K) to appear first; with all other candidates e listed in the alphabetical order of their

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surnames, beginning with the letter “a” and ending with the letter “z” but excluding the letter selected by the secretary of state.

It is important that we ratify Secretary Gardner’s proposal when we return on Tuesday and I ask for your support in doing so. This is an important election-year issue that Republicans must respond in a single voice!

We will hold a GOP luncheon in Room 100 of the State House beginning at 11:30 a.m on Tuesday. That will be followed by an important Republican Caucus at 12:15 p.m. in Representatives Hall.

Voting to return for the special session was only the first step. Now we must join together as a party and take the lead in establishing a procedure for the ordering of candidates’ names for the 2006 state general election ballots. Thank you for your support. I look forward to working with you once again on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

SB 1

Establishing a procedure for the placement of party columns and ordering of candidate names for the 2006 state general election. We urge you to vote **OTP** on **SB 1** because:

- The proposal has the support of the Secretary of State.
- It will result in a more manageable and less confusing ballot for the voters of New Hampshire.
- The plan was designed to comply with the Supreme Court decision while disrupting the old way as little as possible.
- The ballot must only give everyone an equal chance to go first. When the secretary of state selected the letter “K” in a special lottery, EVERYONE had an equal chance.



REMINDER



**NH HOUSE MAJORITY OFFICE &
REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE**

2006 GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 27
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Legislative Office Building

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