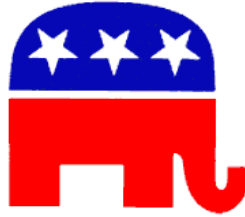


# Republican Report

*“The revenue of the country, levied almost insensibly to the taxpayer, goes on from year to year, increasing beyond either the interests or the prospective wants of the Government.”* —President Franklin Pierce



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## *A message from the Republican Leader....*

Last week I talked about some of the changes that we are going to incorporate now that we have sent the budget over to the Senate—and this week we began to put some of the changes into action. You, no doubt, have noticed the new format of the *white sheet* that is handed out in the caucus. This week there are a few more bills on the calendar, so the sheet will include more information to help when casting your vote. I also began meeting with members of our caucus, committee by committee, to get feedback on what leadership has been doing right and what we can do better. These meetings have been extremely useful. Thus far I have met with seven of the committees and I intend to continue these meetings until I have talked with everyone. If you were unable to attend your meeting, please feel free to stop by the office and chat with me. I also intend to name a Republican Floor Leader in the near future—someone who will be in charge of debates on the floor of the House.

Congratulations and “welcome back” are in order for our former colleague, Jeb Bradley, who is back in Concord as a State Senator from District 3. “Thank you” to all of our members who volunteered their time to help Sen. Bradley with his campaign. But don’t forget that we still have a special election left (*see box below*) in the Salem/Windham area and former Rep. Marilinda Garcia can use your help! Please let her campaign know if you can help make phone calls.

This week’s session, which will also begin at 1 PM., will deal with seven bills on the regular calendar and 12 on the consent calendar. Following the session, I invite you all to attend our annual spring social at the Upham-Walker House. We will have “munchies” and cold beverages—and a lot of good conversation. I hope to see you all there.

Please make sure that you also **save the date** of Tuesday, May 19th (5-7 PM.) for a special event held by the House Republican Victory PAC. More details will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

I hope by now you have heard the Senate committees dealing with *same sex marriage* and the *bathroom bill* have recommended that both bills be found ITL. I hope that you will encourage your constituents to contact their Senators and make sure they vote to kill those bills on the Senate floor next week. While the mandatory seat belt bill passed through Senate committee, it was amended to be a secondary offense; similarly, the death penalty bill was amended to a study commission on the death penalty—while these bills have not had the outcome we had hoped for, it once again shows that the Senate Democrats and House Democrats are certainly on a different wavelength and there is a complete lack of direction in their party, which I expect we will use to our full advantage in the next election.

Thanks again for your hard work. I hope to see you all at the Wednesday caucus.

## Special Election



On **Tuesday, April 28** there will be a special election for state representative in Rockingham, District 4 (Salem & Windham) to fill the vacancy left due to the resignation of Rep. Mark Pearson

The Republican candidate is former Representative Marilinda Garcia. If you would like to help elect a fellow Republican, please call the House Republican Office at 271-3665, or the State Republican Party Headquarters at 225-9341. We are looking for volunteers to make phone calls on Marilinda’s behalf on Tuesday afternoon between 1pm and 5 pm. **PLEASE HELP!**



## Legislative Update

During the past week, leadership has signed-in, testified and taken a position on a number of bills being heard in committee. Here is a complete list of those bills:

### Criminal Justice & Public Safety

**SB 142**—relative to registration of criminal offenders and relative to involuntary commitment of sexually violent predators. **(SUPPORT)**

### Election Law

**CACR 9**—relating to term of office; providing that beginning with the 2012 general election, there shall be a 4-year term of office for governor. **(OPPOSE)**

**SB 157**—relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots and establishing a citizen-funded election task force. **(OPPOSE)**

### Executive Departments and Administration

**SB 178**—relative to the operation of the special school district for the education of eligible offenders held in facilities operated by the department of corrections, and establishing the director of community corrections position in the department of corrections. **(OPPOSE)**

**SB 132**—establishing a commission to develop implementation plans for merging state agencies and programs to enhance efficiency and lower costs. **(OPPOSE)**

### Judiciary

**SB 90**—establishing a private right of action for pharmacies against health maintenance organizations. **(OPPOSE)**

### Labor

**SB 89**—relative to unemployment overpayments. **(OPPOSE)**

### Science, Technology & Energy

**SB 159**—relative to broadband technology planning and development. **(OPPOSE)**  
State Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

**SB 148**—establishing that the state of New Hampshire recognizes the designations of Prisoner of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) as valid descriptions of casualty status and category classification for military personnel. **(SUPPORT)**



Wed., Apr. 29th  
at the  
Upham-Walker House  
join us for a  
Republican Office  
Spring Social  
(immediately following session)

