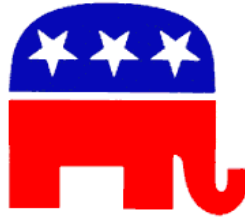


# Republican Report

*“Over the years, this place has become my second family.....because friendship goes beyond party lines.”*  
—Mike Whalley



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

I hope that you all had the opportunity to read the op-ed piece published this week in the Union Leader (Wed., 4/23). It was written by Charles Arlinghaus, president of the Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy in Concord. The essay titled, *“Some thoughts on being an island in a sea of socialism,”* clearly captures what we as Republicans have been confronted with since the Democrats took control of the legislature less than two years ago. Since that time, we have not only witnessed the state’s first \$10 Billion budget—thanks to a 17.5% increase in spending—but we have also seen the further erosion of the New Hampshire Advantage that we have enjoyed within the region through increased taxes and fees. As Mr. Arlinghaus pointed out, “government is getting larger but it’s also getting more intrusive.” If you have not yet read his piece, I urge you to do so.

It will be our job, over the weeks and months leading up to the fall election, to educate the voters of our state as to exactly what has been going on at the State House in Concord. We need to point out exactly why their taxes have increased, why fees have gone up, and why we are facing a potential \$260M deficit in state government!

In order to regain control of the New Hampshire House, and begin the task of repairing the damage done by the Democrats, we must (1) present qualified candidates to the voter; and (2) make sure those can-

Wed., Apr. 30th  
at the  
Upham-Walker House  
join us for a  
Republican Office  
Spring Social  
(4PM or following the session)



didates are well versed on the facts. If you know of someone in your district who would make a strong candidate, please have them contact both our office and the State Republican Party headquarters. If you are an incumbent and have made a decision as to whether or not you intend to run for office again, please let us know. Paul Smith in our office has been compiling a list so we know in which districts we need to recruit additional candidates.

You will also notice an announcement in this newsletter about a Republican Campaign School that will be held in Nashua on May 17th. Over the next few months we will try and keep you informed of any program that may be helpful to candidates planning their campaign. To that end, we have recently been including campaign tips along with our Republican Report and we plan to continue this practice. I would like to thank Rep. Ken Weyler for helping to compile much of the information that we are sending out. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please let us know and we will share them with the entire caucus.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of our caucus for supporting the motion to withdraw, without debate, the Bill of Address to remove Superior Court justice Patricia Coffee from office. With the resignation of Judge Coffey this week, the committee felt that a motion

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In Memory  
MICHAEL D. WHALLEY  
1953-2008



Our leader,  
our colleague, and  
our friend.



# Republican Campaign School

Saturday, May 17

7:30 am- 5:30 pm

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2 Somerswett Parkway

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techniques

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or call Christine Peters (673-0959)

National Campaign Consultants join NFRW and NHFRW to sponsor this campaign school

## —Message

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to withdraw was in the best interest of the State of New Hampshire. It has been tabled, however should it be necessary it could be brought back again this session, but that is highly unlikely.

Our Republican caucus will be held at 11:30 AM on Wednesday in Rooms 305-307 of the LOB. This will give us a chance to go over the issues prior to lunch. If you have any concerns with legislation coming to the floor on Wednesday, please bring them to the caucus. We also invite all of you to join us for our Republican Caucus

Spring Social following the House session on Wednesday at the Upham-Walker House. Food and beverages will be served and it will be a great opportunity for us to get together in a relaxed atmosphere following a long winter. I hope to see you all there!

## 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:

### Finance

**SB 530**—relative to kindergarten aid. (**testified in opposition and offered an amendment**)

**SB 539**—relative to the cost of an adequate education and provision of fiscal capacity disparity aid. (**oppose**)

### Ways & Means

**SB 317**—relative to the retail sale of tobacco products. (**oppose**)

**SB 519**—imposing a per diem fine on dam owners and operators for failure to repair damage. (**oppose**)