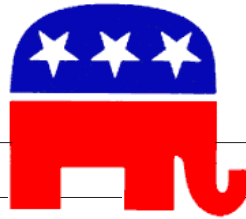


Republican Report

"Republicans believe every day is the Fourth of July, but the Democrats believe every day is April 15."

—Ronald Reagan



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A message from the Republican Leader....

Each Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 PM anywhere from 25-40 Republicans have gathered at the Upham-Walker House for an *informal* discussion and exchange of ideas. I believe that these "Republican Chats" have served as a good sounding board for the members of our caucus and I plan on continuing them throughout the session. However, I would like to emphasize once again that these get-togethers are very informal and you should all feel comfortable in bringing up any subject matter that is important to you. Next Tuesday, we will make it a little more of a social event by offering light snacks and beverages. I look forward to chatting with many of you.

A couple of important issues have come out of these "Chats" that I'd like to share with

you. Illegal immigration is turning out to be a hot button issue. Just this week, the Criminal Justice committee heard HB 404, prohibiting state and local agencies from enforcing federal immigration laws. This bill would have huge ramifications in the realm of public safety and local control. If enacted, what would happen to local control? Would local law enforcement officers be able to assist federal officers if asked to help? Public safety agencies often rely on federal assistance in carrying out their duties and if this proposed law were to take effect, New Hampshire's law enforcement community would not be able to reciprocate with assistance. Republican leadership testified in opposition to this proposal because, at the end of the day, this bill sets a dangerous precedent in picking and choosing which laws we enforce,

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**You're invited to a "Republican Chat & Social"
Tues., Feb.13th, 3:30 PM—Upham-Walker House**

Taskforce on Adequacy

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Monday, February 12 (6:30-8:00 PM)—Keefe Auditorium, Elm St. Junior High,
117 Elm St., **Nashua, NH**

Monday, February 19 (6:30-8:00 PM)—Plymouth Regional High School Auditorium,
86 Old Ward Bridge Rd., **Plymouth, NH**

Tuesday, February 20 (6:30-8:00 PM)—Memorial High School Auditorium
1 Crusader Way, **Manchester, NH**

Monday, March 5 (6:30-8:00 PM)—Dover City Hall Auditorium
268 Central Avenue, **Dover, NH**

Monday, March 12 (6:30-8:00 PM)—Claremont Opera House
Tremont Square, **Claremont, NH** (*tentative date*)



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while, at the same time, taking away local control and the effectiveness of our law enforcement officials. They deserve more credit than that.

In the Judiciary committee, Rep. Wendelboe proposed an amendment to HB 184, repealing the parental notification law, that successfully addresses the US District Court's concerns with regard to the constitutionality of the law's health exception. At no level did the judicial branch find the entire law unconstitutional and the "Wendelboe amendment," sponsored by both pro-choice and pro-life Republicans alike, adds a medical emergency exception and affords a pregnant minor 24-hour access to a judge for waiver of the notification. While Republican leadership has not yet taken a direct position on this bill, we commend Rep. Wendelboe for attempting to reach across party lines in asking the governor's office to have a thorough and open debate on this important parental rights issue.

Beginning on February 12, the Taskforce on Adequacy will begin a series of public hearings throughout the state. The first one will be held in Nashua with additional hearings planned for Plymouth, Manchester, Dover and, tentatively, Claremont.

I would like to encourage you to attend these hearings when they are held in your district because it is important to have well-rounded representation at these hearings. Please contact your local public officials, friends, neighbors and others to let them know about the hearing in your area and encourage them to attend to share their thoughts and opinions on the issue of adequacy.

I also hope you had the opportunity to read the op-ed piece written by Rep. David Hess last week with regard to our responsibility as legislators to resolve the education funding issue in its entirety, sooner rather than later. If you did not see the piece, a copy is available in the Republican Office (Rm 307) in the State House.

Finally, I'd like you to know that Rep. Stephanie Eaton requested a change of committee assignment due to a recent job change. Rep. Mike Kappler, whose outside interests are better served by working on the Resources, Recreation & Development committee, has agreed to accommodate Rep. Eaton and switch committees with her. As a result, Rep. Eaton will now serve on the State - Federal Relations and Veterans' Affairs committee. My thanks go out to both Reps. Kappler and Eaton for their cooperation as well as their continued efforts in working together as a "team."

Please remember that we have a Republican caucus scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 15th at 9:00 AM in Rooms 306-308 of the LOB. I also call your attention to other important dates listed above. Have a good weekend. Thanks again for your efforts.

Mike

Important Dates
to Remember

Tues., Feb. 13—Republican Leadership meeting, 8:30 AM, RM 304, LOB. **Luncheon**, Noon, Upham-Walker House for Republicans on ED&A, Legislative Administration, Children & Family, State-Federal, and Fish & Game.

“Republican Chat & Social,”
3:30 PM, Upham-Walker House.

Thurs., Feb. 15— Republican Caucus, 9:00 AM, Rooms 306-308 (LOB). **Joint session**, 10:00 AM, for the governor's budget message followed by a House session.

Wed., Feb. 21—Republican Caucus, 9:00 AM, Rooms 306-308, LOB, **House Session**, 10:00 AM.

Thurs., Feb. 22—Last day to report House bills going to a second committee.