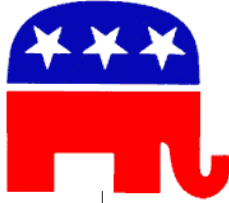


Republican Report

“What is the best government? That which teaches us to govern ourselves.”—Goethe



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A message from the Republican Leader.....

As we move into another legislative session, it has been my pleasure to sit and talk with many of you about the direction that House Republicans should take over the next biennium. As a caucus we will limit our agenda and focus on Republican principles that we agree must guide us in the coming session: low taxes, less government and the preservation of the New Hampshire Advantage. As we are continually reminded, we are now in the *minority* and, as such, must realize that our role is much different. Although we are not in the position to set policy agendas, we are the conscience of the majority and protectors of the process. And though we will influence policy, we may not drive policy.

While many of you are anxious to get the legislative session moving, I would also suggest that our caucus needs to step back and take a deep breath. Right now we appear to be stuck in the mode of “hurry up and wait,” and I realize that some of you are frustrated with that pace. I can assure you that there will be plenty of work to do in the coming weeks and months but at this point we need to be patient.

We have a wide breadth of knowledge and experience in both our membership and on our staff, and I assure you we will work closely with all of you to make this a successful biennium for our caucus, with the ultimate goal of re-gaining the majority in 2008. I look forward to working with you.

Mike

*You're Invited!
To Join Fellow Republicans
for an Exchange of Ideas
Tues., Jan. 16, 2007
3:30-4:30 p.m.
at
The Upham-Walker House*

Republican Office Open for Business

House Republican Leader Mike Whalley and his leadership team have set up for business in Room 307 of the State House and would like to welcome everyone to the 160th session of the New Hampshire General Court.

As we prepare for the new session, it is important for us all to remain focused on our goal of returning as Majority Party in 2008. This can only be accomplished through hard work and by remaining true to the Republican principles that have helped us to create the “NH Advantage” within our region.

As the Republican State Committee continues through the transition of their leadership, while also adjusting to the role of minority status, it is more important than ever that we continue to deliver the Republican message while publicizing our accomplishments to the voters.

This can be accomplished effectively through the use of the media and constituent services. There are a number of members of our caucus who have utilized effective communication techniques and will be a great source to fellow Republicans.

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There are a number of ways that you can effectively work with the media, both on the local and statewide level. The important thing to remember is to always keep the lines of communication open with the voters who elected. Here are a few hints to keep in mind when working with the media, and please keep in mind, **WE CAN HELP.**

- √ Write and issue press releases on your legislative accomplishments.
- √ Offer to write a regular column on issues for your local newspaper.
- √ Write periodic op-ed pieces
- √ Get to know your local media, as well as the State House press corps.
- √ Offer to host a local TV or radio show featuring legislative issues and Republican accomplishments featuring legislative issues and Republican accomplishments.

It is equally important to stay in touch with your constituents. There are a number of ways to accomplish this:

- √ Through an e-mail database that will allow you to update them on legislation.
- √ Advertise and host constituent hours.
- √ Hold seminars/classes on the legislative process and legislation at your local public library.
- √ By taking advantage of the website available to you through the General Court.

There are many other ways to promote the Republican message and there are 132 incumbents in our caucus and six additional members who have served in the House before who can share their ideas. There is a tremendous amount of experience that any of you can tap into during the next session and we encourage you do to so.

Make it a point to talk with your fellow members about methods that have been successful for them in their district, and also keep in mind that the experienced staff in the Republican Office (SH Room 307) are ready to help. This week Kerry Marsh and Carol Dunning have joined Jim Rivers and Paul Smith on our staff and they are ready, willing and able to assist you with your communication needs.

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