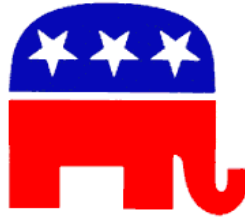


Republican Report

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: if it moves, tax it. If it keeps on moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."—Ronald Reagan



January 11, 2008

A message from the Republican Leader.....

This is a very critical session for the future of Republicans in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Now is the time, perhaps more than ever before, that we as Republicans need to clearly differentiate ourselves from the *tax and spend* Democratic party that is now in control of the House.

I would like to thank all of you who have worked hard over the last few months to help us analyze the retained bills and formulate the positions that we will take when these bills come before us on the floor. Over the next three sessions, as we continue to debate these retained bills, it will afford us the opportunity to really show the people of New Hampshire that it is the House Republicans who are acting in their best interest. We should be **opposed to further appropriations**. We should stand together **against tax and fee increases**. We should **vote against any additions to the current budget**. And we should carry that fight further into the session as we begin to debate new legislation that comes before us. This will require all of us to sacrifice our "pet projects" and place them on the back burner until the next session

House leadership, along with input from the Senior Policy Advisors and many members of the caucus, have targeted more than 20 retained bills that we have taken a position on, and we will take several of them to the floor. We had the opportunity to discuss a number of these bills at our last caucus and we will resume that discussion at our next caucus on **Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. (Rms. 305-307, LOB)**. It is important that we have a good turnout so that we will be able to stand together on key issues.

Commerce

There are a number of important retained bills coming out of Commerce. We ask you to support the recommendation of **ITL** on **HB267**, relative to payday and

title loans. This is clearly an **antibusiness bill**, one that would put licensed lenders out of business. It could also drive borrowers to unregulated internet or black market options (i.e. loan sharks).

HB711, requiring insurance coverage for transsexual medical treatment is yet another **mandate** which is likely, as in the past, to lead to further mandates for far more expensive surgeries. We ask you to support the report of **ITL**.

We ask you to support the Minority of **ITL** on **SB131**, relative to insurance coverage for midwives. "Certified" midwives are not to be confused with Nurse midwives. They are not nurses, nor are they health care providers. This bill will not save money, but more importantly, it may put mother and child at risk.

SPED Bills: higher expenses & taxes.

There are two special education bills, **HB679** and **HB766** that impose rules and regulations which far exceed any federal requirement. They invite future litigation and will substantially risk expanding the scope of services our local school districts must provide and/or pay for. Where is the money coming from? The impact of these two bills will not be felt until 2009 or 2010. We ask that you support the Minority of **ITL** on both bills.

The Democratic party is once again looking to increase the governor's term to four years through the passage of **CACR8**. But we believe that the governor should not be held less accountable than our congressmen, ex-

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" *January 16th*

" *January 23rd*

" *January 30th*

(all sessions-10:00 a.m.)

ecutive councilors, state representatives or state senators. Please support the Minority of ITL.

Tax, Tax, Tax

Once again, the Democrats are trying to pass yet another **tax** onto the citizens of our state. **HB503** is being sold as “establishing a solid waste management fund by assessing a surcharge for the disposal of solid waste.” In reality, this bill creates a bottle tax to be paid by the manufacturer, which will undoubtedly be shifted onto the backs of the consumer. The people of NH should not be forced to pay a tax as an incentive to “encourage” recycling.

Continue The fight

Let’s continue to work together to identify what has made New Hampshire a Republican State and then stand together on the issues that will show the voters in November we are working against increased spending, higher

taxes and fees and mandate after mandate.

As always, our office is always open and we welcome your input on important legislation. Please bring any concerns with you to the caucus on Wednesday.

Our goal is to return New Hampshire to the way it was when we left. We can accomplish this by working together to point out to the voters of this state the differences between the way we do business and the “tax and spend” path that the Democrats are leading them down.

I look forward to seeing you all at Wednesday’s Republican caucus.



Legislative Update

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

Commerce

HB 1137—relative to contracts with illegal aliens.(**supported**)

HB 1417—relative to banning the sale of low-efficiency light bulbs. (**opposed**)

Environment & Agriculture

HB 1401—adopting the uniform environmental covenants act.(**opposed**)

HB 1473—restricting the placement of fertilizer within 250 feet of the reference line of any property.(**opposed**)

Finance

HB 1155-FN-A—making an appropriation of certain revenues to the board of nursing. (**opposed**)

HB 1341-FN-A—making an appropriation to the department of administrative services for an energy audit and system evaluation of the state house.(**opposed**)

HB 1503-FN-A—making an appropriation to fund the reporting of hospital infections by the department of health and human services. (**opposed to the appropriation**)

Labor

HB 1515-FN—prohibiting “at will” employment and creating a database of employee terminations. (**opposed**)

Science, Technology & Energy

HB 1544-FN—relative to the development of effective energy efficiency measures.(**opposed**)

HB 1564—relative to the regulation of commercial mobile services by the public utilities commission.(**opposed**)

State-Federal Relations

HR 26—expressing regret that NH’s United States Senators voted to deny the District of Columbia the right to be represented in the Congress.(**opposed**)

Resources, Recreation & Development

HB 1353—relative to local control of water resources. (**opposed**)

HB 1439—relative to a moratorium on large groundwater withdrawals intended for commercial bottling use.(**opposed**)

Ways & Means

HB 1158-FN-A—increasing the exemption for persons 65 years of age and older and establishing a credit for persons 70 years of age and older under the interest and dividends tax. (**opposed**)

HB 1357-FN—relative to extensions of time for filing returns and making payments under the interest and dividends tax for deployed members of the United State armed forces. (**support**)