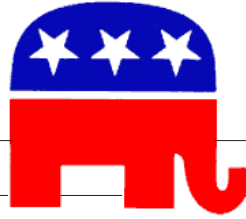


# Republican Report

*Government always finds a need for whatever money it gets.*—Ronald Reagan



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## *A message from the Republican Leader*

I have been very happy with the turnout at our Tuesday “**Republican Chats**” at the Upham Walker House. It has afforded us a good opportunity to discuss the issues of the day and to have an exchange of ideas about the direction our caucus should be taking this session. If you have not yet made it to one of these get-togethers, I hope that you will take the time to join us at some point in the future. We will continue to hold these “Chats” **every Tuesday** afternoon at **3:30 PM**. I encourage you to join us as they can only serve to strengthen our communications and unify our membership.

In our continued pursuit of enhanced communications and member outreach, the Republican Office always welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Just last week, Rep. Harry Merrow of Ossipee presented us with a business card he developed that I feel we should all be carrying. On one side the card contains four simple questions that should be asked during committee hearings: (1) What does this do or change? (2) Why is it needed? (3) What does it cost? and (4) Where does the money come from? On the reverse side are four points we should be considering before casting our vote: (1) What effect will this have on my district? (2) What effect will this have on my state? (3) and Can we afford it? At face value, this is a simple card but it does a great job of presenting the questions that we as Republicans should be asking in committee and when voting on the floor of the House. Thanks to Rep. Merrow, we have enclosed one of these cards with this mailing for your use. I think that this simple card will prove to be a valuable tool in presenting these important questions.

On Wednesday, January 31 the House will be in session. This will be a very important session for two reasons.

*Announcing the first.....*

**2007  
House  
Republican  
Social**



Wednesday, Jan. 31st

*Upham Walker House-4 PM*

*Please join us for light refreshments!*

**Republican Caucus**

**Wed., Jan. 31st**

**9:00 AM**

**RMS 306-308-LOB**



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First, we must adopt the recommendations of the House Rules Committee relative to deadlines and amending House Rule 30, which will increase the number of members on the House Finance Committee from 24 to 25 members. This would uphold House Rule 28 (see House Rules, *Manual of the General Court*), which states that the membership of all standing committees of the House shall be divided between the two major political parties in the same proportion that the House membership of the majority party bears to the House membership of the minority party. As a result, the proper proportion of Republicans (10) to Democrats (15) will be achieved.

Through compromise, the Republican Office was able to protect our proper committee presence. By voting yes on the rule change on Wednesday, we will be able to seat Rep. Lynne Ober of Hudson on the Finance Committee, along with the nine other current Republican members.

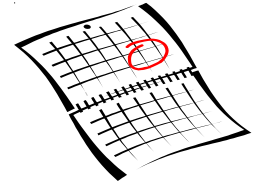
The Rules committee met this week and during the session on January 31, in conjunction with House leadership, a motion will be offered to amend House Rule 30 to allow for the 25th member on the Finance Committee. We worked very hard for this additional seat on the committee and I thank the speaker for agreeing with us as a matter of fairness.

House leadership has also held luncheon meetings with Republicans on the Education, Municipal & County, and Judiciary committees and we will continue to use these luncheons as an opportunity to meet with our members on each and every committee. Also, please remember that we will be holding a **Republican Caucus** at **9:00 AM**, prior to the session on **January 31**, in **Rooms 306-308 of the LOB**.

We will also be holding our first Republican Social of the session at 4:00 PM, on session day, January 31st. There are probably still many colleagues that you have not yet met, so I hope to see you all there.

*Mike*

**Important Dates**  
**to Remember**



**Tues., Jan. 30—**

**Republican Chat**—Upham Walker House (Every Tues., 3:30 PM)

**Wed., Jan. 31—**

**Republican Caucus**—9:00 AM, Rms 306-308 LOB

**House session** (10:00 AM)

**Republican Social**—Upham Walker House (4:00 PM)

**DEADLINE:** All legislators and legislative officers are required to complete and file the annual **“Financial Disclosure Form”** with the Legislative Ethics Committee no later than Jan. 31, 2007. Please return your completed form to Rich Lambert (Rm 112, State House)

**Thurs., Feb. 15—**Joint session to hear the Governor’s budget message (10:00 AM), followed by a House session.

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