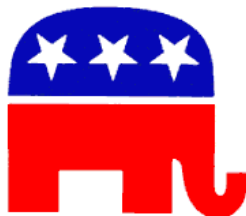


Republican Report

"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.....

**In Memory
MICHAEL D. WHALLEY
1953-2008**



**Our leader,
our colleague, and
our friend.**

I'd like to thank those of you who are planning on running for reelection for taking the time to attend our Incumbent Training and Strategy Session this past week. It is important that we now begin to lay the groundwork for the upcoming election to ensure that we will once again be the majority party in the House. Hopefully the information provided by GOPAC was of value as you plan your campaign strategy. If you know of anyone in your district who would make a good candidate in the next election, please encourage them to contact our office, or State Party headquarters, for more information. There will be other campaign sessions, to assist newcomers and incumbents alike, held in the coming weeks.

The Republican Office has also compiled a list of important campaign issues that can be used as background material to write letters to the editor, op-ed pieces, and etc. This handout was sent out via email but is also available in hard copy at our office. It highlights the many taxes and fees that have been supported by House Democrats in recent sessions. Throughout the next few weeks, and into the summer months, we will be happy to assist you by supplying additional information with regard to the voting record of incumbent Democrats in your district. During the 2008 legislative session, the Democrat controlled House continued to sink the State of New Hampshire deeper into a financial crisis, ignoring economic indicators that have forecasted a possible recession. They have overestimated revenue figures,

failed to hold the line on spending, and increased taxes and fees at an alarming rate—issues that you will be able to use in November! The voters have already started to take notice and we must make sure that they are kept informed about what Democrats are doing to further erode the New Hampshire Advantage!

Senate Finance also passed SB 539 last week and we have a spreadsheet available in our office. It was sent out via email but it can also be accessed on our website (www.nhhousegop.com). As you study the spreadsheet, please keep in mind that the relevant columns are E, F, & G—the estimated grant/donor payment/tax retained under SB 539, column N—estimated fiscal capacity disparity aid, and column P, estimated transition aid. Column Q represents what communities will gain/lose over the biennium. Towns on this spreadsheet are sorted by equalized valuation per pupil, lowest to highest.

As usual, we have listed legislation on the back of this report that Republican leadership took a position on in committee hearings this week. If you have any concerns with other bills that are being heard in committee, please let us know. Remember, the door to the Republican office is open to ALL Republicans.

Dave

**Hold the Date:
Wed., Apr. 30th**

**at the
Upham-Walker House**

for a

**Republican Office
Spring Social**

(4PM or following the session)





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:

Education

SB 376—requiring local fire chiefs to annually inspect all school buildings within his or her jurisdiction and report on the condition of all such school buildings. (**oppose-UNFUNDED MANDATE**)

Election Law

SB 436—enabling certain persons to vote in primaries prior to turning 18 years of age.(**oppose**)

Executive Department & Administration

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

Finance

CACR 34—relating to funding of public education. Providing that the general court shall define an adequate education and distribute state funds for public education in a manner that alleviates local disparities.
(**we are in support of A constitutional amendment**)

SB 442—requiring that the proceeds of fees for motions to appear in court pro hac vice be paid into the law library revolving fund.(**oppose**)

Judiciary

SB 350—extending the surcharge on probate court entry fees to judicial branch family division cases which would previously have been brought in probate court. (**oppose-new fee**)

Municipal & County

SB 422—adding an energy section to zoning and planning master plans. (**oppose**)

Science, Technology & Energy

SB 259—establishing state appliance and equipment energy efficiency standards. (**oppose**)

State-Federal Relations & Veterans' Affairs

SB 521—increasing the maximum scholarship amount available from the national guard scholarship fund.(**support**).

SCR 8—urging the United States Department of Defense to restore the designations of *Prisoner of War* and *Missing in Action* to those servicemen and servicewomen who are missing in operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.(**support**)

Transportation

SB 363—requiring youth operators and passengers of OHRVs and snowmobiles to wear approved protective headgear.(**oppose**)