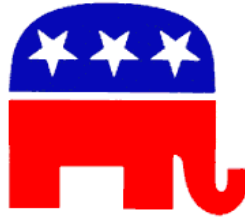


Republican Report

“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.....

Through their actions on the floor of the House this week, Democrats made it perfectly clear where they stand with regard to education funding and the future tax structure of this state.

An overwhelming majority (98%) of Democrats in the House said **NO**, rather emphatically, to an amendment to **CACR 34** that was offered by Rep. Sherm Packard. Given the fact that 121 members (88%) of the Republican caucus supported the measure, we could have successfully passed along a constitutional amendment to the citizens of this state for their approval, had Democrats not turned their backs on their constituents and the children of our state. As a result of their actions, I don't anticipate seeing a successful constitutional amendment next session, next year, or anytime this decade.

Democrats were also unwilling to support any lan-

CACR 34 (Packard Amendment)		
	Supported	Opposed
Republicans	88%	12%
Democrats	2%	98%

AM#1855 to SB 321 (removing tobacco tax increase)		
Republicans	98%	2%
Democrats	4%	96%

guage that would have ensured that every student in New Hampshire received some state money. Had they also been willing to support the phrase, “on a per pupil basis,” it would have guaranteed that each district received a certain amount of money based on its number of students. It is also very clear that the majority party is quite happy with the status quo. They are satisfied with the current method of education funding and are unwilling to remove the courts from the process. What is even more discouraging is the fact that House Democrats have turned their backs on the cities and towns that need our help the most—those that are underfunded. Democrats are not interested in targeting aid that would alleviate the problem in our poorer towns. They also remain content to continue with a tax and spend spree that will continue to lead the state down the path toward a broad based tax. Their only interest is to raise taxes—not in solving problems. As an example, when given the opportunity to remove the “Lynch tobacco tax” increase from SB 321 on Wednesday, Democrats voted overwhelmingly against the move (96%).

Hopefully the voters of this state will have a long

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In Memory
MICHAEL D. WHALLEY
1953-2008



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

We will be hiring the Inmate Craftsmen at the NH Correctional Industries Woodshop to build a new bench for Reps. Hall. It will replace the bench against the wall near Section 5. It will be a reproduction of the original bench made in 1888 for the US Federal District Court in Concord. There will be a plaque attached to the bench honoring our Republican Leader, Mike Whalley. Anyone who would like to donate to this memorial may give their donation to Rep. Janet Allen.



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memory when it comes time to cast their ballots in November. But it is up to us, as Republicans, to hold their feet to the fire during the coming campaign season. We need to let the voters know, at every opportunity, the damage that the majority party has done to the New Hampshire Advantage that we have enjoyed within the region for decades.

Our office will be ready to assist you with voting records to help you inform your constituents about the many taxes, fees and spending measures that Democrats have supported over the past two years.

As we have mentioned numerous times in our Republican Reports over the past two years, we encourage you to write letters to the editor or opinion pieces and submit them to your local newspaper on a regular basis. It not only keeps your name in front of the voter, but it also keeps your constituents informed as to what is happening at the State House in Concord. Today, we have printed an example of what can be done.

Rep. Mike Kappler regularly submits a column to the Carriage Town News, a publication that serves 17 communities from Atkinson to Stratham. He combines information gathered from the Republican Report with his own research of local issues to write his column.

If you need ideas or assistance with writing opinion pieces, please feel free to contact our office. We can also assist you with distributing them to media outlets in your district.

We are also continuing to recruit good Republican candidates for the fall elections. If you know of someone in your district who is interested and who would make a strong candidate, please have them contact our office.

I would also like to thank Rep. Ken Weyler for helping to put together helpful talking points each week for prospective candidates. We have been including this timely information in our Republican Report mailing over the past few weeks and we will continue to do so. If you have any suggestions that would also be helpful to our Republican Candidates, with anecdotal experiences, or helpful tips, please let us know.

My Opinion

By State Rep. L. Mike Kappler

On May 1st, Governor Lynch announced a plan to raise more money for the general fund, but in doing so, he ignored a pledge he made just months ago not to raise taxes or impose new fees on the citizens of our great state of New Hampshire.

The “new” Lynch plan calls for increasing the tobacco tax by 25 cents, imposing a new tax at a rate of 10% on Texas Hold ‘em winnings, raiding dedicated funds in the amount of \$1 million, imposing additional costs on business owners by reducing the discount on alcohol they buy to 10% and forcing lapses of \$2.2 million on Home-Community Based Health Care (HCBC) and nursing services programs. This plan would theoretically bring in approximately \$45 million for the year, according to Rep. Norman Major (Plaistow), the former House Ways & Means Chairman.

The Governor also proposed to bond \$40 million of school building aid, which will free up an additional \$40 million in general fund revenues. The House Deputy Republican Leader David Hess (Hooksett) stated, “I am frankly disappointed that the Governor has not kept his pledge to the citizens of New Hampshire. But I am not surprised. Rather than looking for reasonable places to reduce the bloated budget passed last year and bring it into line with our rising revenues, the Governor and the Democratic leaders of both the House and the Senate want to raise still more taxes and fees. If we had passed a reasonable budget, with an increase in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI), we would not be where we are now.” Rep. Norm Major added, “while our projected deficit for this fiscal year is \$45 million, revenues are actually up \$72 million, or 3.7% above last year

—submitted to the Carriage Town News
Tuesday, May 13, 2008

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