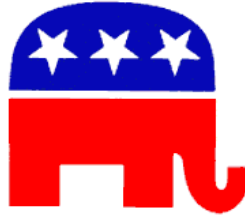


# Republican Report



*“Providing the rights and protections to same-sex couples that heterosexual couples have, was accomplished through the passage of the civil unions law two years ago.”—Gov. John Lynch*



Volume 3, Issue 18

May 8, 2009

## *A message from the Republican Leader....*

The ball is now in Governor Lynch’s court with respect to HB 436, the same sex marriage bill that will arrive on his desk soon. In the past, the governor has made it clear, both publicly and privately, that, “marriage should be reserved for a union between a man and a woman,” and it’s time now that he supports those words with action. We agree

---

*“No, it’s not politics. It’s a matter of what I believe in – and what I believe in is that marriage is between a man and a woman.”*  
—Gov. John Lynch

---

wholeheartedly with the governor in his assessment of marriage and we urge him to veto this legislation when it arrives on his desk. He recently indicated that he bears the responsibility to do what he thinks is in the best interest of the people of New Hampshire and, again, we could not agree more. This is not what the people of the state wanted when they voted for “change.” It is time for the governor to stand on his principles and do what IS in the best interest of the State of New Hampshire and its people, and not outside special interest groups—he must veto HB 436.

Less than two years ago, under the mantra of “equality and civil rights” the legislature enacted civil unions as a means for members of the same sex to commit to each other and enjoy the same rights and benefits of marriage.

When this bill passed the House initially, the governor admitted that he knew the issue was, “intensely passionate and personal, and raises strong emotions on all sides.” He stated his view that the issue is about providing the rights and protections to same-sex couples that heterosexual couples have. *“This was accomplished through the passage of the civil unions law two years ago,”* he said. The Democratic Party has painted their own governor into a corner and is leading New Hampshire down the wrong path both fiscally and socially. The people of this state will respond at the polls in November, 2010 and this will become a major campaign issue. I was proud of the fact that 96% of the Republican Caucus voted together in opposition to HB436. When the next elections roll around, hopefully the voters will remember that more than 90% of the Democrats in the House supported same-sex marriage.

*continued on page two*

### **Important Dates**

- |                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Tues., May 19</b>  | <b>House Republican Victory PAC Fundraiser</b><br>T-Bones Restaurant, Bedford, 5-7 PM               |
| <b>Wed., May 20</b>   | <b>Republican Caucus—8:45 AM</b><br>Rooms 305-07, LOB<br><b>House Session—10:00 AM</b>              |
| <b>Thurs., May 28</b> | Last day to report all remaining Senate bills.<br>Last day to report list of retained Senate bills. |
| <b>Tues., June 2</b>  | <b>Special election—Lebanon (Grafton/11)</b>  |
| <b>Wed., June 3</b>   | <b>Republican Caucus—8:45 AM</b><br>Rooms 305-07, LOB<br><b>House Session—10:00 AM</b>              |
| <b>Thurs., June 4</b> | <b>POSSIBLE House Session-10:00 AM</b>  |



—Message

*continued from page one*

Speaking of elections, there is less than a month to go before a special election is held in Lebanon (Grafton, District 11). Given what the Democrats have done in Concord over the past three years, this very well could be a litmus test in what has typically been a strong democratic district. We are very fortunate to have a strong candidate for this race who is well known and well respected within his community. His name is Randy Wagoner and his family has resided in the Upper Valley region of the state for generations. Randy has worked as a communications officer for the Hanover, NH Police Department since 1985 and is currently president of the policemen's union. His goal is to help us return fiscal conservatism to the state by controlling spending—and he needs our support.

June is just around the corner, and it is not too early to start making plans now to help Randy with his campaign. The response in bringing back Marilinda Garcia to the NH House and in helping Jeb Bradley gain a seat in the NH Senate was excellent and we hope that we can provide the same kind of support for Randy Wagoner. Electing a Republican to the New Hampshire House from what has been a strong democratic stronghold will send a clear message that the people of New Hampshire, regardless of political party, have had enough of the Democrats' tax and spend mentality as well as their attack on the social fiber of this state. The special election will be held in Lebanon on Tuesday, June 2, and if you would like to help with lit-drops, campaign signs, poll checking, or by making phone calls, please contact the party headquarters (225-9341 or [bj@nhgop.org](mailto:bj@nhgop.org)).

Last week in my report I wrote that I had sent a letter to Speaker Norelli asking her to address the issue of Republican House members not being recognized to testify at public hearings. I know that a number of you expressed concern that this practice was happening and I am happy to report that the speaker has indicated to me that this, "will not happen again." If for some reason, the mes-

*House Republican  
Victory PAC  
Fund Raiser*

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

**5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**T-Bones Restaurant**

**Bedford, NH**



*Republican House members should  
RSVP to the House Republican  
Office at 271-3665*

sage has not gotten to all of the committee chairs and you witness this practice continuing, please bring it to my attention as soon as possible so that I may address it with Speaker Norelli.

For those of you who were unable to make it to the Republican Caucus held just prior to last week's session, I made the announcement that Rep. Shawn Jasper would assume the role of floor leader during the House sessions. It became apparent in meeting with many of you that we needed more leadership and structure on the House Floor. I am happy that Shawn has agreed to take on the responsibility that goes with floor leader. He is serving his eighth term in the legislature and brings the type of leadership and experience to the position that I was looking for. I have also asked Rep. Betsey Patten, also serving her eighth term, to serve as the assistant floor leader. She has experience as a former committee chair and will be an invaluable resource to Shawn on the floor of the House. If you have any questions during a House Session about a piece of legislation or any parliamentary maneuvering that is taking place, please feel free to touch base with either Shawn or Betsey.

Once again, thank you all for your hard work!