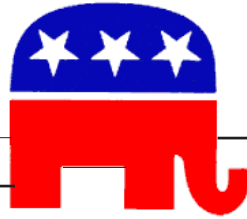


Republican Report

*We don't have a trillion dollar debt because we haven't taxed enough,
we have a trillion dollar debt because we spend too much*

—Ronald Reagan



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A message from the Deputy Republican Leader.....

Now that the primary election is over, it is time for all Republican candidates in our state to come together in a united front to take back the Majority in the New Hampshire House. Given the track record of the Democrats over the past two years, I am optimistic that we can accomplish this, but it will take a tremendous joint effort from us all. While there are many issues that we as Republicans must deal with on the local level during the campaign, there is also clear message to be delivered on a statewide level. It is one of, “*increased taxes and over-spending.*”

No matter how hard Democrats try to “spin” their “*accomplishments*” during the campaign, they cannot justify their tax, borrow and spend policies of the past two years.

They will tell the voters that we have a revenue prob-

Proposed LIHEAP Legislation

- Transfer \$10M from funds not otherwise appropriated, which will augment New Hampshire's expected federal LIHEAP funding.
- Transfer \$1.2M from funds not otherwise appropriated to accelerate the state's current weatherization efforts. The funds will be repaid in December through proceeds from the first RGGI auction.
- Utilize \$860,000 from existing energy efficiency programs managed by the PUC in an effort to accelerate income-eligible weatherization programs for this year.

Republican Caucus

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008

9:30 AM

Rooms 305-307-LOB



lem. Not true. They have a spending problem! And, the facts don't lie: (1) Under Democrat leadership, General Fund appropriations **increased** by \$475 million to \$3.19 billion—a jump of **17.5%!!** They presented the state with the first \$10 billion budget in history! Throughout the fall campaign, we need to constantly make the voters of this state aware of these numbers because, quite simply, the money raised for the General Fund is derived from taxes and fees paid by the citizens of this state.

In an attempt to pay for this exorbitant spending, Democrats then raised 23 new taxes and fees, including a second increase in the tobacco tax in just two years. They also found new targets for their taxes: charitable games of chance, cigars, registry of deed filings, court filings, electric bills, diesel fuel and gas. House Democrats even voted to impose a tax on milk and suggested fines for accidentally releasing helium balloons!

Since their tax and fee increases fell short of neutralizing their spending, the Democrats then decided to bond \$90.5 Million to pay for the state's current expenses.

Most of this information is available on our “2007-08 Legislative Review” that is available in our office as

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well as on our website, (www.nhhousegop.com).

With the legislature returning on Sept. 24th for “Veto Day,” we have scheduled a Republican Caucus for 9:30 AM in Rooms 305-07 of the LOB. At that time we will have a discussion on the veto messages as well as the LIHEAP legislation that will be coming forth. Following the session we invite all Republican House members, and new candidates, to join us for a “Social and Campaign School” at Bear Brook State Park in Allenstown.

LIHEAP

On Wednesday we will be asked to suspend the rules to allow for special legislation to be presented which will provide additional funding for heating assistance and weatherization to help New Hampshire families keep warm this winter. The legislation would provide up to \$10 million to augment New Hampshire’s expected federal allotment for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). State funds will be repaid by any federal LIHEAP appropriations received this year above the expected funding of \$27.5 million.

The legislation would also provide \$1.2 million to increase the state’s weatherization efforts. The funds are being advanced from the expected proceeds of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auction. State law provides for at least 10 percent of RGGI auction proceeds to be used for low-income programs.

The state will also utilize \$860,000 from existing energy efficiency programs managed by the PUC in an effort to accelerate income-eligible weatherization programs for this year.

A public information hearing regarding this special legislation will be held on Tuesday, September 23 at 10 AM in Rooms 206-08 of the Legislative Office Building. Republican Leadership supports increased funding, but we are concerned about the sources for funding such a vital priority. We will be discussing this legislation further at our Republican Caucus on Wednesday. We hope you can attend.

VETOES

We will also be asked to take up Governor Lynch’s two vetoes on Wednesday:

HB 1220, *establishing a commission to study the taxation of alternative fuel and electric-powered motor vehicles for the purpose of funding improvements to the state’s highways and bridges; and HB 1333*, *relative to post-foreclosure eviction actions.*

Republican Campaign School & Barbecue/Social



When: Wed., Sept. 24th, following the House session.

Where: Bear Brook State Park Pavilion, Allenstown, NH (off Rte. 28)



All House candidates are welcome!

We fully **support** the governor’s opposition to the establishment of a commission to study another method of further **taxing** our constituents. Moreover, the time line contained in this bill, which requires that a report of findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation be made on or before November 1, 2008, is too unrealistic and cannot practically be met.

HB 1333, *relative to post-foreclosure eviction actions.*

We **oppose** the governor’s veto of this legislation. That was, and is, the position of the House and should be upheld.

Over the next few weeks our office will be sending out additional information that will be helpful to you in your campaign. The Democrats recently fed the press with a list of their so-call accomplishments and, in the near future, we will be providing you with talking points that will help you to rebut their false claims. Please remember, if you need assistance with anything from press releases to talking points, please feel free to contact the House Republican Office, Room 307 of the State House.

Returning to the Majority Party is definitely within reach if we work together and stay on message. House Democrats have amassed a proven record of overspending a taxation and we must continue to get the word out about what they’ve done; the Democrats know we are on the offensive and they are trying to scramble. Keeping their feet to the fire and getting the truth to the voters is our goal.