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SENATE BILL ***423-FN-LOCAL***

AN ACT relative to the New Hampshire state flag.

SPONSORS: Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20

COMMITTEE: Internal Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill revises the design of the New Hampshire state flag.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is unable to complete a fiscal note for this bill as it is awaiting information from an agency.

Amendments

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Committee Minutes

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Also see Attachment A from James L. Garvin

Hearing closed at 3:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
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470 North Pembroke Road
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Senate Internal Affairs Committee
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Ladies and gentlemen:

I wish to express my opposition to Senate Bill 423, which would alter the New Hampshire state flag by removing the state seal and its inscription, substituting the Old Man of the Mountain and the state motto.

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Senator Arthur P. Klemm, Jr., D. 22: Thank you for your testimony. Are there any questions? Thank you very much.

Karen Woody: Thank you.

Senator Arthur P. Klemm, Jr., D. 22: Is there anyone else who wishes to testify? If not I declare the hearing on SB 423 officially closed.

Also see Attachment A from James L. Garvin

Hearing closed at 3:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jillian Nina Mason, Secretary

470 North Pembroke Road
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SB 423-FN-L Senate Internal Affairs Hearing Sign In

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A similar deal was announced last March with Celestica, but both parties later agreed that arrangement would not be best for the companies, Quinn said. "This one is much more clean-cut."

The acquisition includes two Cabletron buildings on Route 125, which will be upgraded into world-class manufacturing centers.

Flextronics employees will continue to work on Cabletron products. The Ireland operation also will remain there.

Outsourcing its manufacturing operations will enable Cabletron to concentrate on developing its "best of breed" products such as the SmartSwitch Router, a networking devise that moves massive amounts of information over the Internet. The company also can focus on quality assurance efforts.

"By partnering with Flextronics, Cabletron continues along its path of focusing on core competencies and completes its plan for 100 percent outsourcing of manufacturing — an important milestone and further evidence that we intend to execute on our strategy," Cabletron Chairman and CEO Piyush Patel said when announcing the arrangement.

Flextronics, based in San Jose, Calif., will handle about 50 percent of Cabletron's manufacturing outsourcing needs, with the remainder being handled by existing partners such as Celestica and PCB. The deal will be finalized by Feb. 29, which also

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Dick Morin/Union Leader

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— Central High freshman Kera MacKenzie

State flag redesign may put NH in focus if lawmakers agree



JOHN CLAYTON AT LARGE

My friend Hubie McDonough Jr. is going up to Concord today. He wants to run something up the flagpole and see if anyone salutes.

It's an idea for a new state flag.

It goes without saying, then, that Hubie's idea is sure to provoke knee-jerk opposition — flag talk does that — but if he's lucky, his proposal also will trigger sincere discussion, open-minded debate and not a little bit of soul-searching about who we are, what we stand for and more importantly, what stands for us here in New Hampshire.

In lieu of a long-winded description — you can look at the picture, on Page A22, if you like — Hubie wants to put both the state motto ("Live Free or Die") and the Old Man of the Mountain on the state flag.

Does this make him a heretic?

Some may think so. Flags are not the sort of thing one trifles with. I would wager there are people in this great nation who think the American flag should still have but 13 stars on it, but times change and Hubie — a thoughtful, deliberate man — thinks it's time to change our state flag.

"The State of New Hampshire needs a flag that does justice to the great state that it is," the retired school teacher from Manchester explained. "The present flag is indistinguishable from 25 other state flags that have a blue background with 'something' in the middle."

"Something" indeed.

In Louisiana, the "something" looks like a pelican. In Wyoming, it's a buffalo. In Vermont, it's a pine tree. In Indiana, it's a torch.

The "something" in our case is the Colonial frigate *Raleigh*, a ship that was built in Portsmouth in 1776. It has graced the official state flag since 1932, but at the risk of sounding like, well . . . like a heretic, Hubie thinks the *Raleigh* — as depicted on the state flag — looks as if it may have Roman galley slaves manning her oars.

And, as historians have noted, the flag flying from the stern of the *Raleigh* is the Betsy Ross-style Stars and Stripes. It is a stirring sight, to be sure, but that flag wasn't adopted by Congress

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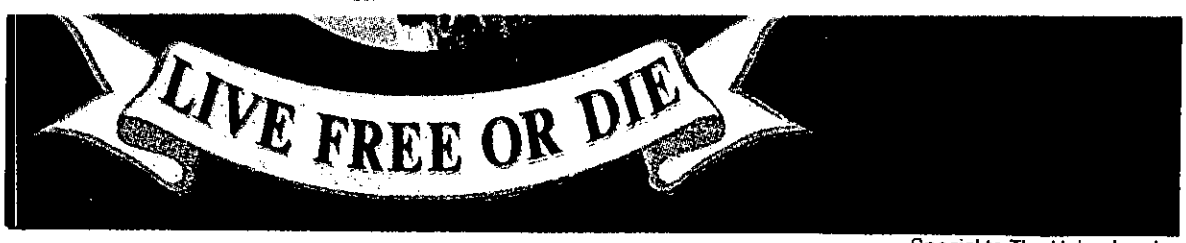
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That's the question Hubie will pose today when Sen. Lou D'Allesandro, D-Manchester, introduces a bill before the Senate Internal Affairs Committee "relative to the New Hampshire state flag." The hearing is set for 3:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Legislative Office Building in Concord.

It's the first step in a long, tedious bureaucratic process. It's a process that ultimately killed the last such effort — initiated by Rep. Alf Jacobson, R-New London — in 1995. His bill gathered so much momentum that the state Department of Education went so far as to ask school children throughout New Hampshire to create designs for a new flag, yet still, it withered and died.

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Now he's doing something.

"This is not a whim with him," said Sen. D'Allesandro. "He's thought a lot about it and he's spent a lot of time working on it and I think he deserves an opportunity to present his opinion."

Today, he'll get that opportunity.

And regardless of the outcome, his enthusiasm won't flag.

(Union Leader columnist John Clayton, named "Columnist of the Year" by the Associated Press of New England, is also the host of "New Hampshire Crossroads" on New Hampshire Public Television.)

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Richard Moquin, the board's chairman, concurred.

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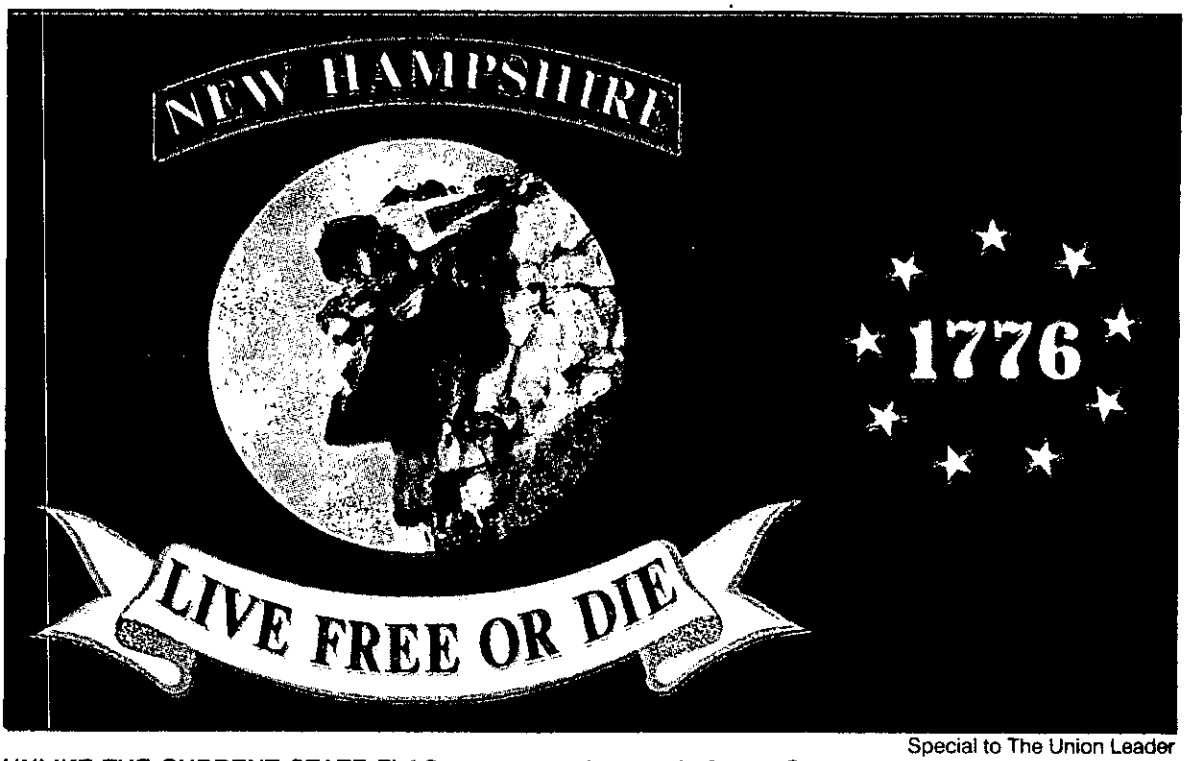
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SB 423-FN-L

Hearing date: 2/17/2000 Room: 103 LOB

Motion of: OTP/A

Made by Senator:			*Seconded by Senator:*		
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Committee Member	*Present*	*Vote*	*Reported out by*
Senator Lou D'Allesandro, Chairman	☐	✓	✓
Senator Arthur Klemm, Vice-Chair	☐	NO	
Senator Clifton Below	☐		
Senator Gary Francoeur	☐	NO	
Senator Leo Fraser	☐	✓	
Senator Debora Pignatelli	☐		
Senator Rick Trombly	☐	✓	

*Amendments: #00-3548S

NOTES:

Chairman's Amend = 1788

Majority = 1776

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date: **MARCH 9, 2000**

THE COMMITTEE ON ***Internal Affairs***

to which was referred **Senate Bill 423**

AN ACT ***relative to the New Hampshire state flag.***

VOTE: **3 / 2**

AMENDMENT: **#00-3548s**

Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment and recommend that the bill: **AS AMENDED OUGHT TO PASS.**

Senator Lou D'Allesandro
For the Committee

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3/6/00	**S**	Committee Report Ought to Pass with Amendment{3548}; SC15, Pg.4
3/9/00	**S**	Ought to Pass with Amendment{3548}, AF, VV; Sen. Pignatelli moved Laid on Table, MF, VV
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