

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

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SB 186, relative to a portrait in the likeness of Senator Jeb Bradley at the state house.

Hearing Date: March 5, 2025

Time Opened: 10:16 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:21 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Pearl, McGough, Gannon, Altschiller and Reardon

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill authorizes the joint legislative historical committee to accept a gift of a portrait of Senator Jeb Bradley.

Sponsors:

Sen. Ricciardi

Sen. Lang

Sen. Fenton

Sen. Gannon

Sen. McGough

Sen. Watters

Sen. Murphy

Sen. Perkins Kwoka

Sen. Pearl

Sen. Ward

Sen. Rosenwald

Who supports the bill: Sen. Denise Ricciardi (SD 9), Sen. Donovan Fenton (SD 10), Sen Tim McGough (SD 11), Sen. William Gannon (SD 23), and Cam Lapine.

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented:

Senator Denise Ricciardi, Senate District 9

- Sen. Ricciardi introduced Senate Bill 186.
- Sen. Ricciardi explained that this bill allows the Joint Legislative Historical Committee to accept and display a portrait of former Senator Jeb Bradley in the New Hampshire State House.
- Sen. Ricciardi said that Sen. Bradley has been a tireless advocate for the people of New Hampshire. She said throughout his career in the United States Congress, and the New Hampshire House of Representatives and Senate,

former Sen. Bradley has helped shape policies that have improved the lives of countless Granite Staters.

- Sen. Ricciardi said his work on issues like responsible budgeting, environmental conservation, and healthcare access has left a lasting mark on the state.
- Sen. Ricciardi said that former Sen. Bradley has always been known for his ability to bring people together. He worked across party lines to find commonsense solutions and proved that effective leadership is about collaboration, not division. She said he is always focused on what is best for New Hampshire.
- Sen. Pearl asked if former Sen. Bradley approves of having a photo of himself hung in the State House.
 - o Sen. Ricciardi said that he approves. She said that it was supposed to be a surprise, but that he caught wind of this bill and offered to fund the portrait himself.
- Sen. Altschiller noted former Sen. Bradley's long and storied career. She asked about the portraits that have been commissioned but have not yet been hung in the State House.
 - o Sen. Ricciardi said that there is a process through the Visitor's Center. She explained she was going to introduce a bill for a portrait of former Sen. D'Allesandro, but that there was no funding for it. She said there was no way to pay for it considering the budget year. She said the portraits are a nice way to honor the many years of service.
- Sen. Altschiller noted that former Sen. Martha Fuller Clark's picture had not yet been hung.
 - o Sen. Ricciardi said that she would investigate that and get back to the Committee.