

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Commerce

to which was referred **SB 175**

AN ACT relative to the use of covenants by municipalities.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

BY A VOTE OF: 6-0

Senator Keith Murphy
For the Committee

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