

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

to which was referred **HB 211-FN**

AN ACT relative to the use of air rifles for hunting game.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Howard Pearl  
For the Committee

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