

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Election Law and Municipal Affairs

to which was referred **SB 43**

AN ACT

removing articles of clothing from the definition of electioneering.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

SHOULD BE PASSED WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 3-2

AMENDMENT # 0263s

Senator Timothy Lang

For the Committee

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