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Rep. Osborne moved that the House adjourn.
Motion adopted.

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The House assembled at 10:00 a.m., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer was offered by Guest Chaplain, Hillsborough Fire Department Chaplain, Pastor Paul O'Neil of the Hillsborough Methodist Church.

Heavenly Father, as we gather in this hallowed chamber, we recognize You as the unseen sovereign of our lives. May You guide all of our Representatives this day, as they will make decisions that will impact all of us and make our lives better. We would humbly ask that You give all of our Representatives the physical strength to conduct the people's business. Be with their families who support them. For those Representatives who face medical challenges, we would ask Your healing touch. For those who struggle with personal or private issues, may You come to their aid. For those who face difficult situations, grant them wisdom. Thank You, Lord, for each elected official and each staff person and the sacrifices they make. Bless them and this great state that we live in. And finally for all the great first responders, both police and fire who serve in our cities and towns, keep them safe this day. In Your Holy Name. Amen.

Representative Nancy Murphy, member from Merrimack, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was performed by Trey Grant, a student at Merrimack High School, Kristin Grant.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Ellison, Linda Gould, James Murphy, Plamondon, Summers, Tenczar and Treleaven, the day, illness.

Reps. Hicks, O'Hara and Trottier, the day, important business.

Reps. Gibbons and Sanborn, the day, illness in the family.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Jacob Nguyen and Thara Sofia H. Dagoc, students at Bedford High School, Pages for the day.

Kristin Grant, mother of the singer, guest of Rep. Nancy Murphy. Kyla Hubbell, guest of Rep. Yokela. Dick and Krisy Nordgren, and Soren Southhall, guests of Reps. Wallner and Hakken-Phillips. Fourth Grade students from the Iber Holmes Gove Middle High School, guests of Reps. Pratt, Drago and Tim Cahill.

MEMORIAL REMARKS

Rep. Wallner gave memorial remarks for the member from Hanover, the Honorable Sharon Nordgren. Without objection, the Speaker ordered the remarks printed in the Permanent Journal.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in honor and in memory of the member from Hanover, the Honorable Sharon Nordgren.

REMARKS

Representative Waller: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If you ever attended a meeting with Rep. Sharon Nordgren, this may sound familiar to you. Do we have an agenda? We have to start with an agenda.

Rep. Nordgren always had an agenda, whether it was for a shared ride to Concord, a weekly meeting on her porch with local Democrats or House Finance Division III meeting. Sharon, who passed away on February 10th had an agenda serving her town, her state, her party and her country. She was a quiet but formidable presence in this Hall for the past thirty-six years. Rep. Nordgren was a native of Minnesota by birth but became a proud Granite Stater by choice. She met the love of her life, Dick Nordgren, in Minnesota while he was visiting during an academic break. They fell in love, got married and moved to New Hampshire when Dick started work at Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Hanover in the 1970s. The Nordgrens enjoyed witnessing all of their children's sports, competitions, their school activities and watching them flourish and growing into wonderful people. Later in life, Rep. Nordgren loved to travel with her family. They took many trips together including Costa Rica and England. Rep. Nordgren was a proud spouse and mother to physicians, proud mother to an equestrian and a proud grandmother to three wonderful grandchildren. At the time of her death, Rep. Nordgren was serving her 18th term in the New Hampshire House representing Hanover and Lyme. Previously, Rep. Nordgren served on the Hanover Select Board for nine years, six as the first woman chair. Sharon served many years in House leadership, six years as the Deputy Democratic Leader, three terms as a member of the Children and Family Law Committee and thirteen terms on the Finance Committee where she served as chair of division III and vice chair of the committee. Her colleagues in the House and beyond looked to Sharon as an expert on New Hampshire Health and Human Service policy and appreciated her unyielding priority that she placed on the welfare of children and families. Rep. Nordgren was the prime sponsor of legislation creating the Council for Children and Adolescents with Chronic Health Issues and the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund, which was established to fight child abuse and neglect. She later became the chair of that fund's governing board. Rep. Nordgren participated and negotiated thirteen budget cycles, often as chair of division III. We know Rep. Nordgren's service did not stop at the State House. Sharon served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, participated in New Hampshire's First in the Nation Primaries for decades hosting nationally known candidates and statewide political fundraisers. Sharon was a model mentor, always ready with witty words of wisdom or inspiration from her long record of service. If you ever had a personal issue or conflict to resolve, Rep. Nordgren knew how to troubleshoot. Sharon always had advice, sometimes invited and sometimes unsolicited and when the conversation was over, Rep. Nordgren's famous departing tagline was "keep in touch," which exemplified the fact she was an expert at making connections and building community. Rep. Nordgren's years of hard work and dedication to public service was recognized this past September when a celebration in honor of her 80th birthday at the farm of Honorable Peter Burling in Cornish. The attendees, which included sitting members of Congress and the who's who of the past and present Democratic leaders, colleagues past and present from the legislature and many friends and family exemplifies just how genuine and widespread the love and appreciation for her service was. At the birthday celebration, a lifelong Hanover Republican shared kind words about serving as a Select Board colleague with Rep. Nordgren more than forty years ago. He praised her work as the first woman to chair the Select Board in Hanover and he recalled fondly the way they disagreed with calm and reasoned arguments, with deep respect and even with affection. He praised Sharon's ability to convert disagreement into judicious compromise and he insisted that the crowd gathered pay attention that all she had accomplished. Sharon knew how to get things done and how to make politics work. The celebration of her 80th birthday was meaningful because those gathered had a chance to thank her for her decades of service and friendship and weren't we the lucky ones to have told her all that she meant to us before she passed. In memory of Rep. Nordgren a flag was flown over the State House on February 13th. The flag has been given to Sharon's family. Rep. Nordgren is survived by her husband Dick who cared for her unfailingly during her recent illness and who was at her side when she died. She is survived by her son Rob, his wife Julia and their children Andrew and Benjamin and Sharon's daughter Krisy, her husband John and their son Soren. Sharon is remembered as a dedicated public servant, loving mother, grandmother and wife and a fierce friend. Today we recognize our privilege to witness her final acts of service and we are resolved to carry her work forward. Sharon will be deeply missed by all who loved her and worked with her. Please join me in standing for a moment of silence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rep. Osborne moved that the Consent Calendar with the relevant amendments as printed in the day's House Record be adopted.

Consent Calendar was adopted.

HB 1012-FN, exempting from criminal penalty certain parenting decisions intended to encourage a child's independence and freedom. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Alissandra Murray for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill, as amended by the committee, ensures that parents are protected from unnecessary prosecution when raising their children in a manner that encourages their independence and development. Vote 19-1.

Amendment (0855h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Endangering the Welfare of a Child; Exception for Certain Parenting Decisions. Amend RSA 639:3 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

VII. It is not a violation of this section for parents to allow children to take reasonable risks to further their development as independent human beings.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that a parent shall not be guilty of endangering the welfare of a child for allowing the child to take reasonable risks to further their development as an independent human being.

HB 1021, relative to body-worn cameras and exculpatory evidence. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Dennis Mannion for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill is looking to solve problems that don't exist. The bill would require that the defendant receive a physical copy of any body-worn camera footage related to the defendant's case. This is already being done as it is required by statute as well as recent case law. This bill also requires evidence that is exculpatory not be destroyed. Body-worn camera footage is already treated as exculpatory evidence and is not destroyed for a minimum of 3 years and longer if the case is still pending. The worst part of this bill is that it would allow defendants to copy, share, and display the data which could allow sensitive information, audio, and images to be shown on social media potentially harming the victim. Vote 20-0.

HB 1038-FN, relative to prohibiting registered sex offenders from employment at businesses providing direct services to minors or direct supervision or oversight of minors. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Dennis Mannion for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill would close a loophole in current law. The bill expands on employment restrictions and would prohibit registered sex offenders from employing, managing, supervising, or working in a one-on-one capacity with a minor. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (0829h)

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Sexual Assault and Related Offenses; Prohibition From Contact With a Minor. Amend RSA 632-A:10 to read as follows:

632-A:10 Prohibition From ~~[Child Care Service of Persons Convicted of Certain Offenses]~~ ***Employment in Businesses Providing Direct Services to Minors or Direct Supervision or Oversight of Minors.***

I. A person is guilty of a class A felony if, having been convicted in this or any other jurisdiction of any felonious offense involving child sexual abuse images, or of a felonious physical assault on a minor, or of any sexual assault, he or she knowingly ~~[undertakes]~~ ***engages in*** employment or volunteer service, ~~[involving the care, instruction or guidance of minor children, including, but not limited to, service as a teacher, a coach, or worker of any type in child athletics, a day care worker, a boy or girl scout master or leader or worker, a summer camp counselor or worker of any type, a guidance counselor, or a school administrator of any type]~~ ***either as the employer or provider of such service or as an employee or volunteer, that consists of acting as a public or private school teacher, school administrator, guidance counselor, coach, a worker of any kind in child athletics, a day care worker, a boy or girl scout master or leader or worker, a camp counselor, or any employment or volunteer activity that provides services exclusively or predominantly to minors, that involves direct supervision of minors, or that involves one on one work with minors, or any employment or volunteer service that involves the direct supervision of minors, or one on one work with other minor employees.***

II. A person is guilty of a class B felony if, having been convicted in this or any other jurisdiction of any of the offenses specified in paragraph I of this section, he ***or she*** knowingly fails to provide information of such conviction when ~~[applying or volunteering for service or employment of any type involving the care, instruction, or guidance of minor children, including, but not limited to, the types of services set forth in paragraph I]~~ ***offering employment or volunteer service opportunities or applying for or engaging in employment or volunteer service of the kind specified in paragraph I.***

III. A person is guilty of a class B felony if, having been convicted in this or any other jurisdiction of any of the offenses specified in paragraph I of this section, he ***or she*** knowingly fails to provide information of such conviction when making application for initial teacher certification in this state.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

HB 1061-FN, relative to motor vehicle stops of uninspected vehicles. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jeffrey Tenczar for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill seeks to move the penalty for failing to obey inspection requirements into a secondary offense category within the motor vehicle code. All violations of the New Hampshire motor vehicle code are primary offenses. The bill would create a two-tiered system of offenses which would prevent law enforcement from stopping a driver violating this statute, unless there was another violation of the motor vehicle code. The goal of law enforcement is to prevent a violation of law and

to stop a violation in progress. Without any other infraction, law enforcement would not be able to stop the violator and discuss or correct their actions. Often times, inspections of motor vehicles reveal safety issues with the vehicle that can endanger the occupants of that vehicle, pedestrians, and others on the roadway if not addressed. This often includes the vehicle's braking system, steering system, and tire connection and control systems. The minority believes that if it is the will of the people that New Hampshire to no longer require safety inspections, the proper thing to do is to repeal the requirement. Keeping a requirement in law, but making it more difficult to enforce, sends a confusing message to the public and law enforcement. If a thing is worthy of being in law, it is worthy of enforcement, otherwise, it should not be in law. Vote 17-3.

HB 1097-FN, replacing two-party recording of conversations with one-party recording of conversations. IN-EXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee, after hearing testimony came to the conclusion that this bill would be in conflict with the recently, and clearly expressed wishes of the citizens of New Hampshire regarding their privacy. There were also concerns with regard to surreptitious recording being used in domestic matters by parties, to further their litigation aims. The committee discussed one party provoking another to make statements in anger and cherry-picking recordings to use in their favor. There were also discussions and concerns about the unreliability of recordings with the advent of artificial intelligence. Vote 19-1.

HB 1270-FN, relative to protective custody statutes. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Jodi Newell for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill is intended to address an existing issue regarding protective custody procedures. As it currently stands, the law lays out multiple options for handling a situation where an individual is incapacitated to the point that it is in their best interest to be looked after until they are once again able to care for themselves. Upon encountering such a situation, a peace officer may contact a trusted caretaker to pick them up, bring them to a treatment or detox center or, if deemed necessary, have them assessed at a medical facility. In the event that none of the other options are possible or necessary, the officer may transport them to a local jail or county correctional facility to be sheltered for no longer than 24 hours. Further, the law states that upon entrance to the jail or county correctional facility, the individual must be medically assessed in order to confirm that they are, in fact, intoxicated. Here a conflict arises, because many of these facilities do not maintain 24/7 staffing of medical professionals qualified to fulfill this requirement. Having heard testimony from representatives of both the Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs regarding their training and procedures for assessment in regard to protective custody, as well as protocol in the event that an individual's condition changes once in custody, the committee agrees that this requirement is duplicative and unnecessary. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (0851h)

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 172:15, III, relative to contact requirements regarding incapacitated individuals taken into drug-related protective custody.

II. RSA 172-B:3, III, relative to contact requirements regarding incapacitated individuals taken into alcohol-related protective custody.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill repeals contact requirements imposed upon local jails and county correctional facilities before lodging an individual incapacitated by either alcohol or drugs in the local jail or county correctional facility in protective custody.

HB 1319-FN, relative to prohibiting the nonconsensual dissemination of synthetic sexual images. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. David Meuse for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill amends New Hampshire's revenge porn statute to criminalize the act of making and sharing non-consensual deepfake porn videos. In recent years, advances in artificial intelligence technology have made it possible for a person using a computer program or an app on a smart phone to realistically swap the face of a victim with that of an actor or actress in a porn video. The results are extremely realistic and are increasingly indistinguishable from the real thing. There are also deepfake creators who take commissions, charging as little as \$30 dollars to seamlessly swap the facial features of a person someone feels like targeting with those of a person engaged in sexual activity. The bill amends RSA 644:9-a to make it illegal to disseminate an image that has been synthetically altered or created to depict an individual engaged in a realistic but false representation of the individual's sexual activity. This abhorrent behavior overwhelmingly harms women and children and is booming online at an unprecedented rate. The New Hampshire State Police testified that these incidents are happening now in New Hampshire and testified in support of the bill. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (0209h)

Amend RSA 644:9-a, I(a) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) "Disseminate" means to import, publish, produce, print, manufacture, *post or share electronically*, [~~distribute~~], sell, lease, exhibit, [~~or~~] display, *or otherwise distribute*.

HB 1344-FN, relative to criminalizing the enticement and manipulation of minors to engage in sexual activity. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jennifer Rhodes for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee unanimously voted to recommend this bill Inexpedient to Legislate due to the sponsor and cosponsors not being present to introduce the legislation. While the title would certainly indicate that it would be something the committee would support, there are laws currently in place for this subject matter. It is important to remember, the committee does not vote on titles, rather the content and merit of the legislation. Vote 20-0.

HB 1500-FN, relative to prohibiting the unlawful distribution of misleading synthetic media. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Jennifer Rhodes for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee is in agreement that artificial intelligence is a complex subject matter that needs to be taken seriously. There are several bills that are currently in other committees that address different aspects of this fast-approaching technology. After talking with the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, the committee decided to interim study this legislation in the hopes of being able to look at the proposed bills together in order to address the subject at large rather than individual bills piece by piece. Vote 20-0.

HB 1176, establishing a commission to study current funding for special education and potential other funding sources. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. The interim study shall study and make recommendations regarding local and state special education costs, funding mechanisms, and funding services necessary to support special education or special education and related services. The interim study committee shall also review and develop findings regarding the current special education funding models supporting both differentiated aid and special education aid. The Education Committee recommends interim study as it is recognized that districts throughout New Hampshire are experiencing increased special education student numbers and related costs; therefore, the issue requires immediate committee address. Vote 19-0.

HB 1509-L, prohibiting spending of special education moneys for any other purpose and requiring reporting of fund balances to the school board. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. This bill, as introduced, would require school districts to report special education costs to the school board and prohibits the spending of special education funds for other purposes. Through testimony, the committee heard that the U.S. Department of Education enables school districts to utilize special education funds to support a number of non-special education purposes such as: 1) services provided to students with a particular emphasis on students in kindergarten through grade three who are identified as needing special education or related services, but who need additional academic and behavior supports to succeed in general education; 2) to help fund reading and mathematics specialists to work with non-disabled students who have not reached grade-level proficiency in those subjects; or 3) to fund after-school tutoring for non-disabled students who score below proficiency on statewide assessments. There are also other administrative, operational, and district needs that must be considered in the use of locally appropriated funds. It should also be noted that state adequacy funds are not targeted. This bill will be studied in conjunction with HB 1176, the study of current funding of special education. Vote 19-0.

HB 1126, relative to candidate requests for absentee ballot information. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Ross Berry for Election Law. This is a housekeeping bill that expands the information available to candidates when requesting an electronic copy of the voters who have requested an absentee ballot in an election. These reports are available now and will not create any new burden on town clerks, as the reports are generated by the Secretary of State in the state voter database. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (0957h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Absentee Ballots; Information for Candidates. Amend RSA 657:15, III to read as follows:

III. Candidates whose names appear on the ballot for statewide office and persons bearing a notarized request from candidates whose names appear on the ballot for statewide office may obtain a statewide list of absentee voter applicants, excluding voters who have presented to the supervisors of the checklist valid protective orders pursuant to RSA 173-B from the secretary of state. Information on the statewide absentee voter list shall be limited to voter name *and address where registered*, voter ID number, *voter's party, the type of election the absentee ballot was requested in*, the date the absentee ballot was requested, *the date the absentee ballot was sent or handed to the voter*, and the date that the *absentee* ballot was returned.

HB 1133, relative to enabling UOCAVA voters to email back completed ballots. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Ross Berry for Election Law. This is a well-meaning bill that attempted to fill the gap for military and overseas voters (UOCAVA) who are often disenfranchised by the short turnaround time created by the state's late primary. Some military and overseas voters are unable to mail their ballots back in time to be counted and this bill would have allowed them to send their ballots back electronically. Currently, UOCAVA voters receive their ballot electronically via email but must print out and mail the ballot back, which creates problems for those in remote areas and those with unreliable mail service. While there was great interest in passing this, it proved to be a much larger task than expected and security concerns proved to be a large concern which led to the Inexpedient to Legislate disposition. It was the sense of the committee that this problem should be addressed, hopefully, with future legislation. Vote 20-0.

HB 1134, relative to inventory controls for paper ballots. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Joan Hamblet for Election Law. This bill outlines a process for inventory controls for accountability of all paper ballots. It describes a process that the Secretary of State must use when ordering ballots from a ballot printing supplier, itemizing the quantities of election-day ballots, and absentee ballots ordered for each city and town and the numbers of ballots actually distributed to the cities and towns. The Secretary of State testified that he is confident in the inventory process used now, and he invited the Election Law Committee to watch, in person, the ballot production process. This bill did not significantly improve the current system, thus there is no need for this bill. Vote 20-0.

HB 1136, relative to requiring a reconciliation of votes cast and undervotes with the total of ballots cast. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Joan Hamblet for Election Law. This bill would require a reconciliation of votes and undervotes with the total ballots cast. The testimony focused on recounts in the five towns in Merrimack District 5 for two House Representatives, reporting 14 "errors" in the vote counts and recounts. In those races, the errors were caused because the moderator did not include the overvotes and undervotes in the reconciliation process, as required by RSA 659:73, IV. The error was with the moderator, not with the statute. Thus, this bill is redundant and not necessary. Vote 20-0.

HB 1150, relative to identification of political advertising. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Katelyn Kuttub for Election Law. This bill removes the requirement from RSA 664:16 for political advertising in newspapers, periodicals or billboards to state "Political Advertising" at the top or bottom. The committee felt all advertising should be treated the same and it is already required under RSA 664:14 to sign at the beginning or the end of the advertisement with a paid for by statement including a name and address. The bill, as amended, also removes the requirement for rate schedules to be filed with the secretary of state, as rates are already easily accessible online. Vote 19-1.

Amendment (0958h)

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to advertising rates for political advertising.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Advertising Rates; Political Advertising. Amend RSA 664:16 to read as follows:

664:16 [~~Identification of Political Advertising~~] **Advertising Rates.** [~~Political advertising printed in newspapers, periodicals or billboards shall be marked at the beginning or at the end thereof "Political Advertising." Rates for advertising shall be filed, no later than 30 days prior to the deadline for filing for office for an election, with the secretary of state by each person or business organization publishing a newspaper or periodical, operating a radio or television station, or selling billboard space. Such schedule shall be open to public inspection, and such schedules may be amended. However, rates in such amendments shall not take effect until 5 days after they are filed with the secretary of state.~~] No person or business organization publishing a newspaper or periodical, operating a radio or television station, or selling billboard space shall charge an advertising rate to any candidate, political committee, party, or cause that is different from that charged to any other candidate, political committee, party or cause.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires that rates for political advertising be the same regardless of candidate, political committee, party, or cause.

HB 1157, relative to overvoted and undervoted ballots. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Angela Brennan for Election Law. This bill would make an unnecessary change to election law related to overvotes and undervotes on ballots. The bill sponsor recognized the bill, as written, would not do what he intended. There were no amendments taken up by the committee. Vote 19-1.

HB 1200-FN, relative to controlled and secured storage of printed paper ballots. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Hal Rafter for Election Law. The committee found that the current procedures established by the Secretary of State were sufficient to provide secure handling and storage of paper ballots at the printing location. This

bill restricts access to the secured location for ballots to “employees,” when it should also allow access by staff of the Secretary of State. In addition, this bill would have required immediate shredding of misprinted or damaged ballots, which conflicts with the Secretary of State’s preference that any shredding occur after an election. Finally, the requirement of “video surveillance of the secured location” from the start of printing through until the election, would require expenditures on the order of \$15,000 by the printing company. Vote 18-2.

HB 1313-FN-L, relative to access to the voter checklist by candidates. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. Claudine Burnham for Election Law. This bill allows a person to receive up to two free electronic copies of their town or city voter checklist per election. These copies may be sent via email in a sortable format, such as a spreadsheet. Any fee of up to \$25 may be charged for an additional electronic copy. Any paper copy requests will continue to have the current charge of \$25, plus \$0.50 per thousand names or portion thereof more than 2,500, plus any shipping costs. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (0624h)

Amend RSA 654:31, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. In towns and cities, the public checklist as corrected by the supervisors shall be open for the examination of any person at all times before the opening of a meeting or election at which the list is to be used. The supervisors of the checklist or city or town clerk shall furnish a physical copy or an electronic copy of the most recent public checklist of their town or city to any person requesting such copy. If a person requests an electronic copy, the supervisors of the checklist, or the city or town clerk, shall notify the person requesting the copy of the electronic format options available from which the person requesting may choose. ***Options shall include an electronic copy, to be sent via email, of at least one sortable format such as a spreadsheet. Two free requests may be made per election, before a fee of up to \$25 may be charged for such an electronic copy sent by email.*** The supervisors of the checklist or city or town clerk may only provide checklist information for their town or city. The supervisors of the checklist or city or town clerk shall charge a fee of \$25 for each ***paper*** copy of the public checklist for a town or ward. For public checklists containing more than 2,500 names, the supervisors of the checklist or city or town clerk shall charge a fee of \$25, plus \$0.50 per thousand names or portion thereof in excess of 2,500, plus any shipping costs. The supervisors of the checklist or city or town clerk may provide public checklist information on paper, ~~[computer disk, computer tape, electronic transfer,]~~ ***or in electronic formats,*** or any other form.

HB 1381-FN, relative to required training on election procedures. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Luz Bay for Election Law. While there is agreement that training for election officials is important, there is recognition that the bill lacks necessary details, especially those in reference to the use of currently available and commonly used technology, such as video conferencing systems. The bill requires that the training to be provided by the Secretary of State is to be an in-person training, the recording of which may be accessed to fulfill training requirements. More importantly, the bill alludes to punitive implications for not attending training, which is likely to exacerbate the shortage of election workers. Vote 20-0.

HB 1384, relative to noncompliance by a town or ward moderator and clerk. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Ross Berry for Election Law. The committee deemed that the provisions in this bill were already covered by existing statute in a different section of the RSAs. Vote 20-0.

HB 1442-FN, relative to penalties for failure of election officers to adhere to election law. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Connie Lane for Election Law. This bill imposes criminal liability on any election officer for violating any election law, including violation of the 461-page instruction manual for election workers. The committee felt that this bill was overly broad in its scope – most election officers are volunteers and perform their duties in good faith. There is no requirement that the violation be made “knowingly,” qualify as “fraud,” or have any effect on the outcome to the election. Minor transgressions are as culpable as major ones that might qualify as fraud. Vote 20-0.

HB 1174, relative to plumbing apprentices. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill changes the number of apprentices a plumber can work with from 1 to 3. It is thought that this would increase the availability of plumbers in the state. The committee learned that New Hampshire does not have a state apprenticeship program but uses the federal program through the Department of Labor. This program requires a 1 on 1 apprenticeship. There is funding for this program that needs to be evaluated. There is an upcoming rule change that will allow 3- and 4-year apprentices to work on their own. The committee also considered upcoming bills from the senate that eliminate the federal program. Vote 15-0.

HB 1328, relative to public safety providers defined as essential services. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. In previous bills, the House defined essential workers in the statute under Homeland Security and Emergency Management, RSA 21-P:35 IX. This bill adds first responders to the list in that they also provide immediate support in this defined situation. Vote 16-0.

HB 1609-FN, relative to the commission on the primary care workforce and the state office of rural health. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. James Murphy for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The State Office of Rural Health (SORH) was established in 2008 under the section of Rural Health and Primary Care (RHPC), which is within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to seek long-term solutions to the challenges of rural health, and to increase access to health care in rural and underserved areas in New Hampshire. In 2010, HB 1692 authorized the SORH to create the Health Professionals Data Center (HPDC) and to also establish a commission on primary care workforce issues in order to collect and organize data regarding the current and anticipated supply of health care professionals who make up the state's primary care workforce. The Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) provides administrative support to over 50 professional licensing boards and collects data from applicant's surveys necessary for licensure. This bill extends the Commission on the Primary Care Workforce to November 1, 2029. It also gives statutory authority to the OPLC to share licensure and survey information with the DHHS and SORH. This information is important for compliance follow-up in order to increase response rates which assures increased statistical reliability when determining and understanding the current and anticipated primary care workforce in New Hampshire. The amendment adds a member of the New England Direct Primary Care Alliance to the commission membership. Vote 19-0.

Amendment (0755h)

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following and renumbering the original section 4 to read as 5:

4 New Paragraph; Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce Issues; Commission Established; Membership. Amend RSA 126-T:1 by inserting after paragraph XX the following new paragraph:

XXI. A direct primary care provider appointed by the New England Direct Primary Care Alliance.

HB 1440-FN, relative to establishing a life jacket loaner station program along the Merrimack river. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Andrew Renzullo for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill provides for the establishment of a life jacket loaner program at public access sites along the Merrimack River. The bill would require the Division of State Police, within the New Hampshire Department of Safety, to implement the program. The committee felt the bill was well intentioned. However, the committee felt the sponsor would be more successful exploring non-legislative solutions and focus more at the local level. For example, local charitable, business or civic groups might partner with a municipal police or fire department to tailor a program for a specific locality. Vote 20-0.

HB 1405-FN, relative to limiting publication of child care center violations. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jacqueline Chretien for Special Committee on Childcare. The committee appreciated the intent of this bill, which was to protect child care centers from increases in insurance premiums based on the publication of minor, non-safety-related violations. However, the testimony indicated that the proposed changes to the process would put the state out of compliance with federal requirements for reporting child care center violations and therefore at risk of losing federal childcare development funds. In addition, these changes would require substantial modifications to computer systems that are currently in place, which would likely cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. The committee was encouraged to hear that the Bureau of Child Care is in conversations with the Commissioner of the Insurance Department and is confident that the underlying issue can be resolved without a legislative remedy. Vote 10-0.

HB 1407, relative to child care staffing ratios. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Ross Berry for Special Committee on Childcare. This bill, as amended, creates a pilot program to allow for the addition of one extra child to a room if two or more teachers are present. This keeps the underlying ratio in place but creates expansion opportunities when the expanded duties can be diffused over multiple teachers. Child-to-teacher ratios are the top driver affecting cost and accessibility to childcare. An example of this can be seen in Massachusetts, which has a lower child-to-teacher ratio and experiences childcare costs that are \$5,000 more a year than New Hampshire. This is an extreme financial strain that is placed directly onto working parents. The committee was careful to consider the effects on safety and quality with this small expansion and left the flexibility to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to deny entry to a center that DHHS feels would not be able to safely handle the expansion. Nothing in this bill overrides fire codes or any other safety measures, and the bill automatically repeals after two years. This bill will provide the most relief to access to infant child care which will experience a 12.5% increase in access for centers that are capable of handling the expansion. Currently infant care is the hardest to find and the most expensive service in New Hampshire, costing families upwards of \$15,000 a year. The committee also noted that parents who cannot find or afford child care cannot return to the workforce which has an estimated economic impact on the state's economy of over \$250,000,000.00. Furthermore, the loss of the socialization skills a child needs during development by not being around children their own age and older is an often-overlooked consequence of the lack of access to childcare in New Hampshire. Vote 9-0.

Amendment (0753h)

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Child Day Care Licensing; Rulemaking; Child Care Staffing Ratios. Amend RSA 170-E:11, I(c) to read as follows:

(c) The number of individuals or staff required to insure adequate supervision and care of the children received ***including a waiver system based on the following:***

(1) For children ages 6 weeks to 12 months, the maximum group size shall be 13 with the following minimum staffing levels:

(A) One associate teacher with up to 4 children;

(B) One associate teacher and one assistant teacher with 5 to 9 children; and

(C) One lead teacher and 2 assistant teachers with 9 to 13 children.

(2) For children ages 13 to 24 months, the maximum group size shall be 16 with the following minimum staffing levels:

(A) One associate teacher with up to 5 children;

(B) One associate teacher and one assistant teacher with 6 to 11 children; and

(C) One lead teacher and 2 assistant teachers with 11 to 16 children.

(3) For children ages 25 to 35 months, the maximum group size shall be 19 with the following minimum staffing levels:

(A) One associate teacher with up to 6 children;

(B) One associate teacher and one assistant teacher with 7 to 13 children; and

(C) One lead teacher and 2 assistant teachers with 13 to 19 children.

(4) Any licensed child care provider may apply for a one year waiver under this paragraph. The department shall not deny a waiver unless there is a documented cause for such denial. The definition of documented cause shall be established in rules adopted by the department. here shall be no limit on the number of waivers, and there shall be no fee for the application for or renewal of a waiver. Waivers may be renewed annually.

(5) The department shall make an interim report to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate on the number of waivers applied for, granted, and denied by November 1, 2025. The department shall make a final report on the number of waivers applied for, granted, denied, and renewed by November 1, 2026.

2 Effective December 31, 2026; Child Day Care Licensing; Rulemaking; Child Care Staffing Ratios. RSA 170-E:11, I(c) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

(c) The number of individuals or staff required to insure adequate supervision and care of the children received.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect December 31, 2026.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates a waiver for larger ratios in licensed child care facilities for infants and toddlers. This bill also prospectively repeals the waiver in 2026.

HB 1158, relative to establishing an exception to vessel registration. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. Ted Gorski for Transportation. This bill creates a commercial vessel exception. This exception allows a person 14 years of age or older, but under 18 years of age, to operate a commercial vessel on any public waters of New Hampshire without a valid certificate to act as operator of a commercial vessel, as long as the following conditions are met: the vessel is 16 feet in length or less; the vessel may be operated only for selling pre-packaged food and/or non-alcoholic beverages; the vessel shall not be operated for safety support of other boaters and incidental transportation of passengers; and the vessel shall not tow any water skiers, aquaplanes or similar devices. Vote 16-0.

Amendment (0903h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Minimum Age for Operation; Commercial Vessel Exception. Amend RSA 270:30 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

III-a. A person 14 years of age or older, but under 18 years of age may operate a commercial vessel on any of the public waters of the state without a valid certificate to act as operator of a commercial vessel if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The vessel shall be 16 feet in length or less.

(b) The vessel may be operated only for the selling of pre-packaged food and/or non-alcoholic beverages.

(c) The vessel shall not be operated for the safety support of other boaters, swimmers, or other persons in or on the water, or for incidental transportation of passengers, towing of other vessels, refueling, or servicing.

(d) The vessel shall not tow any water skiers, aquaplane, or similar devices.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill exempts certain persons from requiring a certificate of operation for a commercial vessel so long as they meet certain requirements.

HB 1457-FN, establishing penalties for driving over covered wooden bridges in vehicles that exceed posted limits and for vehicular damage to covered wooden bridges. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Charles Foote for Transportation. This bill was introduced as an effective general deterrent and preventive measure to help alleviate further and continual damages to wooden covered bridges which are a historic and iconic appeal to our state. The intent is to have geometrically oversized vehicles and/or overweight vehicles circumvent the bridge, rather than pass through the bridge and cause undesirable damages from wear and tear, and physical structure damage. These bridges, many which were built in the 19th century, are structurally vulnerable and susceptible to damage, having not been constructed with the traditional current standards of concrete or steel, and were made in a simpler time in history that are not designed to accommodate today's modern traffic loads and vehicle weights and dimensions. If passed, this would be the first legislative update since 1963. Within the bill, there is an increased penalty for damage stemming from violating height, weight, and dimensional limits, increasing from \$62 to \$1000 for a 1st violation for visible damage, and consequently up to \$2000 if there is a disruption or impediment in traffic flow from any incurred damages. All fines under this section shall inure to the municipality or other agency that is responsible for the bridge. Vote 17-0.

REGULAR CALENDAR

HB 1204, relative to government agent entries into secured premises. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Terry Roy for the Majority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The majority believes that, as amended, this bill furthers the goals expressed by the citizens of New Hampshire in the recent constitutional amendment demanding privacy from government intrusion. In 1924, the United States Supreme Court, in the case of *Hester v. United States*, developed what is now known as the open-fields doctrine. Simply put, this case and its progeny holds that a citizen has no expectation of privacy on their property outside of the curtilage. That is to say, the area immediately surrounding their home. The doctrine applies regardless if the land is posted "No Trespassing" or not. The doctrine allows law enforcement to walk upon and examine private land whenever they so choose so long as is not in the area immediately surrounding the home. The committee heard testimony that many other states have passed similar legislation to this bill. States may not limit rights guaranteed by the US Constitution, but they may expand them. So, if the Supreme Court rules, as they did in *Hester*, that the 4th Amendment requirement to obtain a search warrant, does not apply to areas away from the home, open-fields, New Hampshire is free to say, "not in our state." It is important to note, that though it is called the open-fields doctrine, it does not apply only to fields. It means any property away from the curtilage. This may be forests, fields, or swamps. It is not the character of the land that matters, but its location relative to the home. Though the minority relies heavily on the law enforcement community's promise that their procedure is to require search warrants when they wish to search property that is posted "No Trespassing," they are not similarly trusting when told racial profiling and other discriminatory conduct is not regularly occurring. The majority trusts law enforcement in both regards but felt that one cannot always rely on such competent and efficient leadership as we currently have. Furthermore, if law enforcement is already practicing this, it should not affect their operations whatsoever. In the end, we are a state and nation of laws, and it is our constitution that we trust and swear allegiance to, not any particular leader in government. The Constitutions of New Hampshire and the United States are in the opinion of the majority, not there because we do not trust law enforcement, but are instead there to instruct law enforcement on what they may and may not do. This law would be no different. Vote 15-5.

Rep. Ray Newman for the Minority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The minority feels this bill is not needed. During the public hearing, the committee did not hear from a single property owner who supported the bill. However, we did hear from the Chief of Police of the town of Rye, who told us that the bill is not needed because New Hampshire police officers are trained to get a warrant before entering a property posted "No Trespassing," unless there are exigent circumstances, such as a fire or cries for help. Moreover, the bill is in direct conflict with a US Supreme Court ruling *Hester v. United States* that 4th Amendment protection does not extend to unoccupied or undeveloped areas outside the curtilage, the land outside the property owner's home. A representative of the Department of Labor also testified about concern for the bill, saying that its broad definition of government agent could be interpreted to prevent the department's inspectors from being able to make unannounced inspections. Another concern not addressed in the bill is the ability of local police to patrol on private land to enforce laws concerning Off Highway Recreational Vehicles (OHRVs). The minority feels that the bill needs much more scrutiny than it has had and that the appropriate resolution for this bill is Inexpedient to Legislate.

Majority Amendment (0839h)

Amend RSA 595-A:11 as inserted by section 2 of the bill by deleting RSA 595-A:11, V, and renumbering the original RSA 595-A:11, VI through IX to read as RSA 595-A:11, V through VIII, respectively. Majority committee amendment was adopted.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Ray Newman spoke against.
Rep. Roy spoke in favor.
Rep. Janvrin requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Lekas, Tony
Wheeler, Jonah

Murray, Alissandra
Boyd, Bill
Boehm, Ralph
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Kelley, Diane
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Kofalt, Jim
Lewicke, John
McLean, Mark
Notter, Jeanine
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom
Wherry, Robert

Abare, Kimberly
King, Bill
Calabro, Karen
Corcoran, Travis
DiSilvestro, Linda
Griffin, Gerald
Judy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Long, Patrick
Ming, Ben
Pank, Sandra
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Ulery, Jordan

Alexander, Joe
Baroody, Benjamin
Chretien, Jacqueline
Creighton, Jim
Elberger, Susan
Gagne, Larry
Kennedy, Stephen
Lascelles, Richard
Mazur, Lisa
Mooney, Maureen
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Rombeau, Catherine
Sirois, Shane
Veilleux, Daniel

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Gallager, Eric
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Cambrils, Jose
Gerhard, Jason
Mason, James
Gould, Sherry
Testerman, Dave

Aylward, Deborah
Carey, Lorrie
Hill, Gregory
Moffett, Michael
Seaworth, Brian
Wolf, Dan

Brennan, Angela
McGuire, Dan
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Polozov, Yury
See, Alvin
Wood, Clayton

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Brouillard, Jacob
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
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Layon, Erica
Paige, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan

Mannion, Dennis
Doucette, Fred
Emerick, Tracy
Harley, Tina
Janvrin, Jason
Khan, Aboul
Love, David
Pearson, Mark
Melvin, Charles
Phillips, Emily
Potucek, John

Pratt, Kevin
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Spillane, James
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Wallace, Scott

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Pearson, Stephen
Sytek, John
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Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

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Faulkner, Barry
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Stavis, Laurel

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Lovett, Peter
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Devine, Shelley
Goley, Jeffrey
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Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Murphy, Nancy
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Newman, Sue
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Dutzy, Sherry
Gregg, Alicia
Heath, Mary
Juris, Louis
Howard, Molly
Mangipudi, Latha
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Newman, Ray
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
Wilhelm, Matthew

Booras, Efstathia
Cornell, Patricia
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Leapley, Nicole
Murray, Megan
McGhee, Kat
O'Brien, Michael
Raymond, Heather
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad

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Darby, Will
Freitas, Mary
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
LeClerc, Daniel
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Rung, Rosemarie
Spier, Carry
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Gibbs, Merryl
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Meuse, David
Simpson, Alexis

Edgar, Michael
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Muns, Chris
Turer, Eric

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O'Neil, Candice
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Kenney, Cam
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Smith, Geoffrey
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Selig, Loren

Rich, Cecilia
Grassie, Chuck
Levesque, Cassandra
Southworth, Thomas

Cannon, Gerri
Horrigan, Timothy
Smith, Marjorie
Wall, Janet

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Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

and the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

Rep. Aures did not vote and notified the Clerk that he wished to be recorded in favor.

HB 1276-FN, relative to repealing the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles except by or to minors. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Dennis Mannion for the Majority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. After hearing witness testimony, it is the opinion of the majority that the recent expansion of the understanding of the 2nd Amendment in the U.S. Supreme Court makes the current ban on these weapons unconstitutional. Furthermore, these weapons have become more of a novelty than something once regularly carried. The advent of chemical, other kinetic, and electrical weapons, which are all legal, make these almost antique. That being said, they are still useful for self-defense and should not be banned while other more lethal weapons are not. Wrongful use of these currently banned articles would still be a felony. Under New Hampshire law, any item that could cause serious bodily injury or death can be considered a deadly weapon. A rock, a knife, a shovel, a baseball bat, or a golf club and they are all legal to possess. It is worth noting that the current law allows police, firefighters, EMS personnel, security guards, and hunters to possess these items. Shall our citizens read our laws and see that a hunter may possess and use brass knuckles on a deer, but a young college woman may not on a rapist? Shall they see that a police officer may use a blackjack on member of the public, but a member of the public may not on a mugger? New Hampshire does not stand for a two-tiered system of criminal laws; we are all equally right, or equally wrong. The minority wishes to curtail the spread of firearms ownership for self-defense, because they claim it often leads to the death of the assailant. The majority is focused on victims. Vote 13-7.

Rep. David Meuse for the Minority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Contrary to testimony that these weapons are "antiquated, non-lethal defensive tools," there are countless instances where they have been used by aggressors to intimidate, terrorize, and brutally attack their victims. Use of these weapons can lead to catastrophic injuries, including broken bones, severe wounds, and brain damage. Additionally, they are often associated with criminal activities, such as gang fights or robberies, and their very presence typically leads to more violent confrontations than would have occurred without them. The minority believes that the current law is in place for a good reason and that lifting the prohibition on possession and sale of weapons intended to maim and inspire fear is not in best the interest of public safety. At a time when violent crime continues to be on the minds of many New Hampshire residents, now is not the time to put these weapons back into the hands of would-be aggressors on our streets and in our public gathering places. The New Hampshire Chiefs of Police Association signed in opposing the bill.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass.

Rep. Meuse spoke against.

Rep. Dennis Mannion spoke in favor.

Rep. Harriott-Gathright requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Chretien, Jacqueline
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
McGhee, Kat
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Wilhelm, Matthew

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Dutzy, Sherry
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Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Judy, Jean
Lanza, Judi
Lloyd, Christal
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Ming, Ben
O'Brien, Michael
Newman, Ray
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Vail, Suzanne

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Wallner, Mary Jane

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Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

and the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1336, relative to employees' firearms in locked vehicles. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill would allow an employee to secure a loaded firearm in their personal vehicle while parked on the premises of their employer. It would also remove any civil liability on the part of the employer should there be an illegal use of that firearm by a third party. The State of New Hampshire is a stand your ground state. A person has a right to defend themselves and has no duty to retreat when they are in their home or their motor vehicle. Having to disarm when leaving home to travel to and from work leaves a person with little means of self-defense. This bill would permit an employee to be armed and able to defend themselves right up until they step out of their car on the employers' property. It is consistent with Article 2-a of the New Hampshire Constitution and respects an employers wish to be a weapon free zone if that is their policy. The minority claims employers have an absolute right to dictate what occurs on their property free from government interference. They further claim that the constitution, including the 2nd Amendment, mainly applies to the government and not business. Both of these claims fail. First, constitutional protections do in fact extend to employers, when the employer is the government. With approximately 44,000 local, state, and federal employees working in New Hampshire, the government is the largest employer in the state. Second, the state is free to extend whatever protections to employees that we choose within the constraints of the Constitution, and we regularly do so. From a forced minimum wage to anti-discrimination and work safety laws. Finally, by not allowing employees to exercise their 2nd Amendment rights at all, they are effectively restricting the employee's rights everywhere else that the employee may wish, or have to travel too, either before or after work. As New Hampshire has no law against storing a firearm in a locked vehicle, and stealing a firearm is a felony, citizens are able to do this for other places where firearms are restricted already. This includes post offices and court houses. It is also worthy to note, that many employers do not actually own the property that they use for their business operations or employee parking, as leasing business property is common. Still other businesses share space with public and private parking spots for their employees.

Rep. Jason Janvrin

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill would effectively remove the ability of New Hampshire businesses concerned with providing a safe workplace from prohibiting employees from storing firearms in a locked vehicle parked on the employer's own property. As written, this bill amounts to an unconstitutional taking of property rights. One of the main advantages of being a property owner is the right to use your land as you see fit, even if others disagree with your reasons. One of the main advantages of running your own business is being able to set policies that preserve confidentiality, govern acceptable behavior, and protect workplace safety. Such autonomy deserves respect, even if we disagree or find it to be inconvenient. Moreover, businesses operating on private property are under no obligation to balance the 2nd Amendment rights of their employees with their own right to operate their business within the law in the ways they see fit. Like most constitutional rights, the 2nd Amendment constrains only the government. It does not require private individuals or organizations to accept their presence on their land.

Rep. David Meuse

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Roy moved that **HB 1336**, relative to employees' firearms in locked vehicles, be laid on the table. Motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1108, relative to establishing a committee to study the role of colleges and universities in contributing to the student loan crisis. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Mel Myler for the Majority of Education. There is no question that the issue of student loan debt is important. New Hampshire has some of the highest student debt in the country. However, this bill is not necessary. The University System of New Hampshire (USNH) as well as the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) system are fully aware of the debt crisis for students. Both systems have attempted to coordinate purchasing practices, consolidate course options at specific institutions to reduce course multiplicity, etc. The institutions meet on a regular basis to capitalize on ways they can moderate institutional expenses. Further, there is an agreement within the two systems that provide automatic student matriculation from CCSNH to USNH allowing students to complete their first two years at a reduced cost. This bipartisan motion supports that this bill is not needed. Vote 13-6.

Rep. Mike Belcher for the Minority of Education. This bill would establish a committee to review the role of colleges and universities in contributing to the student loan crisis. The issue of the student loan crisis is much discussed, and a very necessary item to tackle, with student loan debt approaching \$2 trillion. However, to date, most recommendations for addressing the problem have suggested reaching deep into the pocket of the taxpayer – the only party perhaps entirely innocent in this matter. What is far less clear is the innocence of colleges, which appear to have lobbied the federal government for taxpayer backed student loans that, once achieved, were immediately proceeded by a dramatic expansion of administrative positions, increased salaries well in excess of the consumer price index, divisive critical theory-based departments multiplied, tuition skyrocketed, and a generation of graduates have been so thoroughly indoctrinated into anti-American themes that the value of a degree is rapidly diminishing among employers. This appears to have been a primary driving factor of this crisis, and it deserves investigation with an eye towards recommendations to resolve the debt that has rendered many graduates akin to indentured servants and has delayed much of a generation from assuming their roles as American citizens: purchasing homes, starting families, and productively contributing to society. The scope of this burgeoning disaster is not just their problem – it is America's, and New Hampshire's as well.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Belcher spoke against.

Rep. Myler spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 231 members having voted in the affirmative, and 143 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted.

HB 1162, relative to teaching discrimination in public schools and discrimination in public workplaces. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill prohibits this state from enacting educational laws under RSA Title XV that would bar any school employee or person employed by a public school district, school administrative unit, or public academy from teaching the historical or current experiences of any group that is protected from discrimination. It repeals the "Prohibition on Teaching Discrimination" (RSA 193:40), also known as the "divisive concepts law" which restricts teachers from having classroom discussions that go beyond the "who, what, where" to explore the "why and how" of the historical or current experiences of people and groups who have been protected by both federal and state discrimination laws. This law has intimidated teachers and created a sense of fear and uncertainty by inappropriately using the Educator's Code of Conduct with loss of a teaching credential as punishment. The final reports of the Committee to Study New Hampshire Teacher Shortages cites the "overall political climate in our

state” as a contributing factor in teacher stress and their leaving or not joining the profession. Repealing this bill will support New Hampshire’s professional educators to be able to teach critical thinking so that students will be able to think for themselves and develop independent, educated perspectives.

Rep. Linda Tanner

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: Current New Hampshire statute prevents any public employee to teach, advocate, or advance that people of one age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, and more are inherently racist. This bill would repeal provisions of that law relating to the right of freedom from discrimination in public workplaces and education. Through the hearing process, it was communicated that some educators are now hesitant and fearful to teach students about equity, diversity, and other related or controversial topics. Nothing in New Hampshire law prohibits teachers from taking steps to examine these issues or to introduce factual events that are part of our country’s history. New Hampshire statute does not prohibit a teacher from discussing current political, historical or social issues. In short, while teaching these topics, the best practice is to not advocate that a person or a group is inherently oppressive, superior, inferior, racist, or sexist. Our past can and should be taught as it occurred and continues to develop, and to do so while treating all in the classroom equally and without discrimination or intimidation. Classroom instruction should provide students with the fundamental truths found in our Declaration of Independence, that we are all created equal and that everyone has a right to freedom without discrimination. In other words, teach students how to think, not what to think.

Rep. Rick Ladd

Rep. Cascadden moved Ought to Pass.

Rep. Alicia Lekas spoke against.

Rep. Petrigno spoke in favor.

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **HB 1162**, relative to teaching discrimination in public schools and discrimination in public workplaces, be Indefinitely Postponed.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Bean, Harry
Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

Bordes, Mike
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Beaudoin, Richard

Coker, Matthew
McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John
Brown, Richard

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Costable, Michael
McConkey, Mark

CHESHIRE

Hunt, John
Thackston, Dick

Qualey, James
Nutting, Zachary

Rhodes, Jennifer

Santonastaso, Matthew

COOS

Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Durkin, Sean

Murphy, Michael

Ouellet, Mike

GRAFTON

Berezhny, Lex
Rochefort, David

Brown, Carroll
Sellers, John

Greeson, Jeffrey
Simon, Matthew

Ladd, Rick

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Lekas, Alicia
Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Lascelles, Richard
McLean, Mark
Panek, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Ryan, Linda
Lekas, Tony

Nutting-Wong, Allison
Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Cushman, Leah
Griffin, Gerald
Kennedy, Stephen
Lewicke, John
Mooney, Maureen
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

Abare, Kimberly
King, Bill
Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sheehan, Vanessa
Ulery, Jordan

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Sirois, Shane
Wherry, Robert

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambrils, Jose
Hoell, J.R.
Polozov, Yuri
Walsh, Thomas

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, Dave

Aylward, Deborah
Gerhard, Jason
Mason, James
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

McGuire, Carol
Hill, Gregory
Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin

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Ball, Lorie
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Hobson, Deb
Perez, Kristine
Walsh, Lilli
Lynn, Bob
Melvin, Charles
Phillips, Emily
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Sweeney, Joe
Tripp, Richard
Verville, Kevin
Weyler, Kenneth

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Guthrie, Joseph
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Piemonte, Tony
Pratt, Kevin
Pearson, Stephen
Sytek, John
True, Chris
Vose, Michael
Yokela, Josh

Brouillard, Jacob
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
Love, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Ford, Oliver
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Cahill, Tim
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Mannion, Dennis
Doucette, Fred
Emerick, Tracy
Harley, Tina
Janvrin, Jason
Kuttab, Katelyn
Lundgren, David
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Quaratiello, Arlene
Spillane, James
Dolan, Tom
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wallace, Scott

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Ankarberg, Aidan
Connor, James
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Pitre, Joseph

Bailey, Glenn
Granger, Michael
Turcotte, Len
Potenza, Kelley

Bickford, David
Harrington, Michael
Newton, Clifford

Burnham, Claudine
Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

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Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

Smith, Steven

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Huot, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Buco, Thomas
Woodcock, Stephen

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Jones, Philip
Schapiro, Joe

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Monteil, Renee
Tatro, Bruce

Harvey, Cathryn
Filiault, Shaun
Newell, Jodi
Toll, Amanda

Fox, Dru
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

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Cascadden, Corinne

Kelley, Eamon

Noël, Henry

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Almy, Susan
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and the motion was adopted.

Rep. Ryan voted Yea and intended to vote Nay.

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Wilhelm moved that the debate on **HB 1162**, relative to teaching discrimination in public schools and discrimination in public workplaces, be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

DEBATE ON HB 1162

Speaker Packard: Rep. Cascadden moves Ought to Pass. The Chair recognizes Rep. Alicia Lekas.

Representative Alicia Lekas: Prior to the antidiscrimination law that this bill tries to repeal, many of us including people in this room right now, have had our kids and our friends' kids come home upset because they were being taught that all white people are racist and that because they were a boy, they were oppressors. Since this law was passed, I haven't heard any of that so I would say it seems to be working and there is no reason to repeal it. But schools and businesses have started another way of being racist and discriminatory. They started a new campaign which is more subtle but just as pernicious and I'd like to read a letter that our committee got from a person of color on what is currently being pushed which is racist and discriminatory. "I would like to address the committee on the inclusion of diversity equity and inclusion policies within our state. Being a person of color it is my experience that DEI should instead be labeled division, exclusion and indoctrination. Instead of judging by their character as Martin Luther King aspired to, these policies aim at discriminating against racists that happen to be out of favor at this time. Just as we look back on history right now and bow our heads in shame at how blacks were once treated, today's generation seems bent on creating another injustice that it will have to repent of in future generations by choosing favored skin colors and endowing certain levels of melanin with rights that are denied others. The efforts of DEI policies to help people of color contrary to their stated purpose of lifting us up are placing boots on our necks. What legacy is being left by DEI policies as I listen to whites tell me all the things that need to be done to make my life equal to their own. I hear the ideologies behind their words. I hear them telling me that people of color are an inferior race that is incapable of rising to the challenges handed them at this hour. I hear them telling me that the only way that our people can be successful in life is if other races cheat at life for us by giving us a head start. I hear them saying there is no value in my people except the value endowed by their great white benefactors. It is the same racist ideology that kept people in the chains of slavery. The anthem that sings that we are but animals in need of being kept, but now it is slavery of the mind. It seems that the governing mentality still expects our people to stand in line for handouts from said benefactors. Do you not realize that you are simply creating a new reality in which the whites are still the oppressors? The only difference is that now you oppress our minds with thoughts

that we cannot be equal. You disparage us with statements that only you can lift us up. That our people lack the strength to do so on our own. You damn us to the slavery of never being capable of catching our own fish. Perhaps you think that these policies will help. That might be what whites thought when the laws that sent people to the homes of my mother and others like her in the middle of the night searching under the beds of her and her siblings making certain that her father was not in the home helping to provide for them lest their government aid be taken from them. My mother learned to hate your handouts and it is a legacy that I respect and will continue with my own children. All handouts come at a cost of humiliating the recipients they intend to help. I'm sure that's not what you meant to do. You might even think you are helping but by the time the ink is dry on the laws you have passed, another family is broken, another head droops in shame and humiliation. So perhaps you should reconsider your choices. We've done this before and now an entire race suffers from the damning pandemic of fatherlessness. The unintended consequences of your help did not benefit us before. Please don't help us now. Sincerely, T. Johnson." Please vote red on this misplaced repeal bill and keep our antidiscrimination laws in place. Thank you. Mister Speaker, I would like a roll call on this.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Petrigno.

Representative Petrigno: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Colleagues, New Hampshire is currently struggling with a teacher shortage. In fact, recently, the committee to study New Hampshire teacher shortages and recruitment incentives completed its findings. Among which teachers reported that the increased politicization of their jobs has discouraged many away from the profession and that they are feeling stressed with concerns for consequences as a result of legislation proposed and passed by us. It is my hope that today will take a step in addressing our teacher's concerns by overturning one of those laws titled the right to freedom from discrimination in the workplace and education. Yet despite its title, it has nothing to do with real discrimination. It should have no place on the books in our honorable state. One which never received a stand alone vote in this chamber, but instead was pushed through as part of the budget in 2021. It is an insult to our public-school teachers, and it gives cover to those who actually hate and are discriminatory. In my testimony before the Education Committee, I said not everyone who agrees with this law is a racist, but everyone who is racist supports this law.

Speaker Packard: The House will be in order.

Representative Petrigno: Well, the following day I received a hateful email from a self avowed racist who also eviscerated me and other members of this chamber for our views on this law. He quoted my remarks and then he said, "Peter is correct about that. Racists support the current law." So, let's take a close look at this law. It's comprised of four provisions, which on the surface sound perfectly reasonable, until you examine them carefully. Provisions A, C and D are very clear. No pupil in any school, public school, shall be taught that they are superior. That's provision A. Should discriminate, provision C or treat others less than equal, provision D. Seriously? Do we believe that our public schools are instructing children that they are superior? Really? Should discriminate? Treat others less than equal? This is where the law insults our teachers. I think of Marie, my wife, who taught elementary school in Milford for 30 years. In her classroom she had a sign which simply said the golden rule. It was written in gold-colored letters. It was in a gold color frame, and she explained to the children that out of all the rules to follow, this was the most important, to treat others as equals with respect and kindness. Now while these provisions attempt to make the law sound anti-discriminatory, I believe that they are meant to camouflage the law's real intent, which is found in provision B. That is to silence teachers' voices on topics that some don't want discussed. What does provision B say? No pupil in any public school shall be taught that an individual or group is inherently racist, sexist or oppressive. Now think about that for a moment. Think about that for a moment. Are we denying reality? Of course, there are individuals and groups which are racist, sexist and oppressive. Discriminatory to the LGBTQ+ community, anti-semitic, Islamophobic and more. Our attorney general's office has a list of these hate groups, but provision B prevents teachers from saying so. This right here is the law's real intent. By the way, if I was asked and I never was, I would have said you can always find examples of those in every profession who violate proper conduct, but you don't paint everyone with the same brush and impose draconian measures which make it challenging to do their jobs. The real question is this. Can a teacher discuss the Holocaust without making parallels to today's neo-Nazis or teach the history of the Ku Klux Klan without examining today's white supremacist? I recently saw a post that said education is not memorizing that Hitler killed 6 million Jews. Education is about understanding how and why millions of ordinary German citizens allowed it to happen. The reason we study the past is to understand how we got to where we are today and to work towards making tomorrow a better place for all of us and we cannot do that if we are not allowed to connect the dots. Colleagues, New Hampshire is better than this. We are better than this. I urge you to vote Ought to Pass. Thank you very much, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: For what reason does the member rise?

Representative Sweeney: Mister Speaker, I move to Indefinitely Postpone HB 1162.

Speaker Packard: That is a proper motion. A roll call has been requested by Rep. Sweeney. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The motion before us is to Indefinitely Postpone HB 1162. This is going to be a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Peternel for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Peternel: Mister Speaker, if I know that the current allows educators to teach and treat all equally and without discrimination. If I know that the current law does not prohibit teachers from teaching US History and does allow for the teaching of historical concepts related to discrimination and allows for diverse educational approaches. If I know that repealing RSA 354-A:29 through 354-A:34 would eliminate any method of redress for grievance of discrimination, would I now press the green button and support the Indefinitely Postpone motion?

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Luneau for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Luneau: Thank you very much, Mister Speaker. If I know that all young people have a 1st Amendment right to learn free from censorship or discrimination, including a right to read, learn and share ideas free from viewpoint-based discrimination, then wouldn't I press the red button to defeat the Indefinite Postponement motion so that we can get back onto this debate? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is to Indefinitely Postpone HB 1162. This is a roll call vote. If you are in favor, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations will be open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had the opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 192 voting Yea, 183 voting Nay, HB 1162 has been Indefinitely Postponed.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1265, relative to the penalty for failure to file school expenditure reports, and relative to certain adequacy grants. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. This bill removes the requirement that public academies file financial reports with the Department of Education. The bill also inserts a provision for adequacy grants for school districts that tuition their students. This portion of the bill replaces language inadvertently deleted in HB 2 on page 48, lines 18-27. Public academy is defined in RSA 194:23, II as an "independent" high school that contracts with one or more school districts to provide educational services. All such contracts are subject to approval by the Department of Education. These academies are governed by a board of trustees or other officials that are not publicly elected. Vote 13-7.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.

Committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1305-FN, relative to freedom of speech and association at public institutions of higher education. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass with Amendment: This bill establishes that free speech and free association protections, as generally are afforded by the Constitution, are likewise afforded on college campuses within reasonable limitations necessary to the function of the institutions. This committee heard considerable testimony of uneven application of rules for "permitting" of free speech events and the establishment of student organizations. The University of New Hampshire (UNH) confirmed that it is their policy to not allow unpermitted events to go forward and confirmed that small conservative group events had been terminated due to lack of receiving a permit. Yet, UNH's own record of events demonstrates that they do sometimes allow unpermitted events to go forward, and it appears that the distinction between what is and is not allowed is decided based on viewpoint discrimination. This is further evidenced within UNH records as serially denying requests by Christian organizations where others were authorized, and bolstered by student testimony that conservative-oriented groups were subjected to heightened scrutiny for approval. Further, the committee has seen substantial evidence that colleges and universities have allowed a "hecklers veto" to shut down numerous events on their campuses – particularly during the last presidential election cycle – which is discriminatory towards the organizations hosting speakers and leans dramatically toward an anti-conservative viewpoint bias.

Rep. Mike Belcher

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill establishes new policy standards for speech and expression at our state colleges and universities. While the bill has some good aspects, they are already being done throughout the state's university and community college systems and are included in free speech policies at the institutions of the University of New Hampshire (UNH), Plymouth, Keene and the community colleges. In fact, UNH is ranked third among all colleges and universities for its policies on free speech and expression, and all of the state's four-year institutions receive green lights from the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression. Beyond speech and expression, the bill requires our state colleges and universities to recognize student organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, and political ideology. It would allow student organizations to exclude others from membership based on race, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other discriminatory beliefs and receive the same benefits as other student organizations, including financial support paid for through tuition, fees, and state taxes. This provision fuels a divisive environment on campus and could lead to violence. It violates our state's own non-discrimination laws and federal law such as title IX. The bill, as amended, does not incorporate any of the feedback from the University System or the Community College System and contains technical problems and contradictions that make it deficient as potential new state law. Bills like this promote discrimination and hate speech and should be resoundingly rejected.

Rep. David Luneau

Rep. Belcher moved Ought to Pass and offered amendment (0654h).

Amendment (0654h)

Amend RSA 188-J:2, IV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as preventing public institutions of higher education from prohibiting, limiting, or restricting behavior, conduct, or expression that:

(a) Violates any law and could be subject to criminal action.

(b) Is unprotected by the free speech provisions of the United States and New Hampshire constitutions, including but not limited to true threats and expression directed to provoke imminent lawless actions.

(c) Constitutes harassment as defined in RSA 188-J:1, VI.

The question being adoption of amendment (0654h).

On a division vote, with 181 members having voted in the affirmative, and 182 in the negative, the amendment failed.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Osborne moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a division vote of 181-182, the House failed to adopt amendment (0654h) on **HB 1305-FN**, relative to freedom of speech and association at public institutions of higher education.

Rep. Osborne spoke in favor and requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

Smith, Steven

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BELKNAP

CARROLL

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Harvey, Cathryn
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Schapiro, Joe

COOS

Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Massimilla, Linda
Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
Hoyt, Tommy
Morse, Corinne

HILLSBOROUGH

Baroody, Benjamin
Bouchard, Donald
Chretien, Jacqueline
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
McGhee, Kat
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
Dolan, William

Beauchemin, Paige
Bouldin, Amanda
Cornell, Patricia
Dutzy, Sherry
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Judy, Jean
Lanza, Judi
Lloyd, Christal
Perez, Maria
Ming, Ben
O'Brien, Michael
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Thomas, Wendy

MERRIMACK

Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryl
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
Schultz, Kristina
Wolf, Dan

Carey, Lorrie
Hall, Muriel
McWilliams, Rebecca
Gould, Sherry
Shurtleff, Steve

Huot, David

St. Clair, Charlie

Buco, Thomas

Burroughs, Anita

Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Monteil, Renee
Tatro, Bruce

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Newell, Jodi
Toll, Amanda

Cascadden, Corinne

Kelley, Eamon

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Sullivan, Jared
Muirhead, Russell

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lovett, Peter
Stavis, Laurell

Murray, Alissandra
Beaulieu, Jane
Bradley, Amy
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
MacKenzie, Mark
Morton, Jennifer
Pedersen, Michael
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, Jonah

Nutting-Wong, Allison
Booras, Efsthia
Calabro, Karen
Devine, Shelley
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
Mangipudi, Latha
Murphy, Nancy
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel
Wilhelm, Matthew

Turcotte, Alisson
Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Myler, Mel
Schamberg, Thomas
Soucy, Timothy

Brennan, Angela
Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Richards, Beth
Schuett, Dianne
Wallner, Mary Jane

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Grossman, Gaby
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Meuse, David
Raynolds, Ned
Vallone, Mark

DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Grote, Jaci
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Muns, Chris
Read, Ellen
Ward, Gerald

Edgar, Michael
Hamblet, Joan
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
O'Neil, Candice
Simpson, Alexis

Gilman, Julie
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
McBeath, Rebecca
Rafter, Hal
Turer, Eric

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Conlin, Bill
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Pare, Gail

Bixby, Peter
Fitzpatrick, Daniel
Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren

Rich, Cecilia
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas

Cannon, Gerri
Grassie, Chuck
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Wall, Janet

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Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

and the motion was adopted.

The question now being adoption of amendment (0654h).

On a division vote, with 192 members having voted in the affirmative, and 182 in the negative, amendment (0654h) was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Rep. Popovici-Muller offered floor amendment (1094h).

Floor Amendment (1094h)

Amend RSA 188-J:2, II and III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. The outdoor areas of campuses of public institutions of higher education in this state shall be deemed public forums for members of the campus community, and public institutions of higher education shall not create "free speech zones" or other designated areas of campus outside of which expressive activities are prohibited. A public institution of higher education may maintain and enforce reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions applicable to traditional public forums and designated public forums created by a public institution of higher education, provided those restrictions are narrowly tailored in service of a significant institutional interest only when such restrictions employ clear, published, content- and viewpoint-neutral criteria, and provide for ample alternative means of expression. Any such restrictions shall allow for members of the campus community to spontaneously and contemporaneously assemble and distribute literature, provided that any such activity is compliant with the institution's reasonable time, place and manner restrictions. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as limiting the right of student expression elsewhere on campus.

III. Subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, any member of the campus community who wishes to engage in non-commercial expressive activity on campus shall be permitted to do so freely, as long as the person's conduct is not unlawful and does not materially and substantially disrupt the functioning of the public institution of higher education, subject only to the requirements of this chapter.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1094h).

Rep. Popovici-Muller spoke in favor and requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
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Drye, Margaret
Spilsbury, Walter

Merchant, Gary
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Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

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Huot, David

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Buco, Thomas

Burroughs, Anita

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

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Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Newell, Jodi
Weber, Lucy

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 Lanza, Judi
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 Rombeau, Catherine
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 Foxx, Loren
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 Morton, Jennifer
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 Newman, Ray
 Newman, Sue
 Staub, Kathy
 Vail, Suzanne
 Wilhelm, Matthew

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 Myler, Mel
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 Wallner, Mary Jane

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and floor amendment (1094h) was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Reps. McDonnell, Wheeler and Popovici-Muller spoke in favor.

Rep. Luneau spoke against.

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Aron, Judy
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Drye, Margaret
Spilsbury, Walter

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Woodcock, Stephen

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Toll, Amanda

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Germana, Nicholas
Schapiro, Joe

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Tatro, Bruce

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Hakken-Phillips, Mary
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Lovett, Peter
Stavis, LaurelFellows, Sallie
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Beaulieu, Jane
Bradley, Amy
Darby, Will
Freitas, Mary
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Morton, Jennifer
Pedersen, Michael
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, MatthewNutting-Wong, Allison
Booras, Efstathia
Calabro, Karen
DiSilvestro, Linda
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Judy, Jean
Lanza, Judi
Long, Patrick
Mangipudi, Latha
Murphy, Nancy
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, DanielBaroody, Benjamin
Bouchard, Donald
Chretien, Jacqueline
Dutzy, Sherry
Gregg, Alicia
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet
Leapley, Nicole
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
Dolan, WilliamBeauchemin, Paige
Bouldin, Amanda
Cornell, Patricia
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Ming, Ben
O'Brien, Michael
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
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Lane, Connie
Myler, Mel
Schuett, Dianne
Wallner, Mary JaneBrennan, Angela
Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Richards, Beth
Schultz, KristinaCaplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryl
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
Shurtleff, SteveCarey, Lorrie
Hall, Muriel
McWilliams, Rebecca
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Soucy, Timothy**ROCKINGHAM**Balboni, Peggy
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Rafter, Hal
Ward, GeraldDiLorenzo, Charlotte
Grote, Jaci
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Meuse, David
Raynolds, NedEdgar, Michael
Guthrie, Joseph
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Muns, Chris
Simpson, AlexisGilman, Julie
Hamblet, Joan
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
O'Neil, Candice
Turer, Eric**STRAFFORD**Bay, Luz
Conlin, Bill
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Pare, GailBixby, Peter
Fitzpatrick, Daniel
Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, LorenRich, Cecilia
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, ThomasCannon, Gerri
Grassie, Chuck
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Wall, Janet**SULLIVAN**

Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

and the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Spillane moved that the debate on **HB 1305-FN**, relative to freedom of speech and association at public institutions of higher education, be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

DEBATE ON HB 1305-FN

Speaker Packard: Rep. Belcher moves Ought to Pass. Committee amendment (0654h). Are you ready for the question on the committee amendment? All those in favor, say Aye; those opposed, Nay. A division has been called. Only members in the chamber can vote. Members need to be in your seats. Only members in the chamber can vote. The question is on the amendment (0654h). This is for clarification. If you are in favor, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had the opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 181 voting Yea, 182 voting Nay, the motion fails. For what reason does the member rise?

Representative Osborne: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Having voted on the prevailing side, I move reconsideration on that last vote and urge the members to vote yes and request a roll call vote.

Speaker Packard: We've moved on and it's allowed. Now we are going to a roll call vote. This is a motion for reconsideration on the amendment. The motion before us is reconsideration on HB 1305. This is on the amendment which is (0654h). This is a roll call vote. If you are in favor of reconsideration, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations will be open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had the opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 189 voting Yea, 183 voting Nay, reconsideration passes. We are now back on the amendment. Are you ready for the question? Division? A division has been requested. Members take your seats. You should be in them anyway. The motion before us is on the amendment (0654h). This is a division vote. If you are in favor, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations will be open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had the opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 192 voting Yea, 182 voting Nay, committee amendment is adopted. The bill is on second reading and open to further amendment. Rep. Popovici-Muller offers floor amendment (1094h) and is recognized to speak to his amendment.

Representative Popovici-Muller: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I rise to support amendment (1094h). When I started working on this bill, I engaged with policy representatives from the beginning, and I continue to work with them through all of this time. The minority report states that the bill does nothing toward any feedback from the University System even though when I tabled HB 516 last year, I told everybody here that the University System had required a change to limit their financial liability. That change has been made in HB 1305, as amended. So, I have to correct the record and say that the bill, as filed, already had feedback including feedback from the University System. We just adopted 0654h, same process. Somebody raised concerns with the civil rights unit of the Attorney General. I worked with them to address their concerns. The amendment literally contains the line which the Attorney General suggested to fix this bill. It had been adopted by the committee. Same process was used to come up with this amendment. I continue to work with the university representatives, and we found two minor changes that, if made, would make the bill more palatable to them. First, we add two words in the first paragraph to the amendment to clarify that while the bill does protect the rights of the members of the campus community, it does not extend the same level of protections to people unassociated with the university that would just walk in from the street. That was a reasonable concern, and I was happy to work with them to make it better. It also, at their request, adds two instances where we refer to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions to clarify that those restrictions apply at all times. I originally felt that my bill language made that clear to start with, but after hearing them telling me that it would be better this way, I was happy to address that. I am not claiming, by the way, that they will support this bill, as amended. If they did, we would have a much smaller floor discussion, but they definitely prefer the bill, as amended, here to the current language of the bill. They do support the amendment (1094h) so please show your support for the University System by supporting amendment (1094h), which is filed at their request. Thank you, Mister Speaker and I'm not taking any questions and I request a roll call vote.

Speaker Packard: Rep. Popovici-Muller has requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The motion before us is the Popovici-Muller floor amendment (1094h). This is going to be a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Luneau for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Luneau: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that this bill has a lot of problems with it. And if I know that this amendment doesn't fix any of them, then wouldn't I press the red button to defeat the amendment? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Popovici-Muller for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Popovici-Muller: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that this amendment was requested by the University System, would I press the green button to show my support for them? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1094h). This is a roll call vote. If you are in favor, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had the opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 197 voting Yea, 175 voting Nay, the floor amendment was adopted. Now we are on to Ought to Pass as Amended. The Chair recognizes Rep. McDonnell.

Representative McDonnell: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Thank you, honorable colleagues for allowing me to speak today. I like to talk. A lot and both the New Hampshire and US Constitutions uphold that right. Moreover, 1st Amendment protections expand far beyond speech and cover five freedoms, two of which are the subject of HB 1305, speech and association. More specifically, HB 1305 relates to New Hampshire college students, however, we are all students of history and as many statemen who came before us have noted, "I may disagree with what you say, but I will defend your right to say it." As we gather in this historic chamber representing the multitude of viewpoints that encompass the Granite State, these words are relevant today. However, student organizations are incentivized to do the opposite. Any person's misbehavior at an event, penalizes the student group hosting the event, therefore the hecklers veto prohibits future events. In other words, the student organization loses their rights through no fault of their own. Not only is this unfair, but this is also un-American. The absolute violation of both of our constitutions renders the University System open to expensive lawsuits.

Therefore, HB 1305 is paramount to protecting taxpayers from financial risk. Considering it is the second most expensive state university nationwide, the University of New Hampshire is already a financial burden. Needless to say, litigation reduced instructional resources, increases tax liability and is not conducive to learning. After all, the purpose of college is to get an education. Furthermore, HB 1305 aligns with supreme court rulings by prohibiting free speech zones. In other words, speech should not be limited to the back corner of the parking lot and prohibited everywhere else. Finally, last year a similar bill was laid on the table so not debated. Today, New Hampshire students are not only listening to this debate, but also want to know which representatives defend freedom. So, Mister Speaker, on their behalf, I request a roll call vote. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Wheeler.

Representative Wheeler: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I rise before you today because the prime sponsor of the bill asked me, as a co-sponsor, to come speak before you today about the importance of freedom of speech. Mister Speaker, it's a pleasure to finally be able to get to speak on the same side of the aisle as my friend from Salem. She's a passionate individual young person who has spent a lot of time here and it's a great thing to be able to get to speak with her. This bill is very simple. There is a problem in our schools right now that students have been reporting for unfortunately a long time. Their free speech has been hampered and this is students both conservative students, liberal students, socialist students and libertarian students. People have had their ability to speak on issues tampered by college administrators who are trying their hardest to keep things nice. Unfortunately for those who want to keep things nice and calm and respectful, sometimes freedom of speech requires us to be a little bit passionate. It requires us to say something that the majority of the people in the room might disagree with. In fact, that is what protest is all about. Mister Speaker, this bill was worked on extraordinary hard for the last biennium as a matter of fact. It was introduced in the beginning of this biennium and now we are here towards the end of it debating the final version of this bill. The sponsor worked with the civil rights division of the AG's office to make sure that it fits and is compliant with what they need to do in that office, making sure that it doesn't have any civil rights violations in it, and they worked very hard with the University System to make sure that it met their concerns. And this is important because this government, this country in this world depends on the constitution that we have here in the United States of America. There are many countries in this world that don't have basic foundational constitutional rights and they look to the United States of America, our red, white and blue stripes, for inspiration for those constitutional rights. If we here in this body today don't say that our students at the institutions where they are learning have those constitutional rights, freedom of association, freedom of speech, we all know the gambit, then I think we are failing them. Our institutions of educational learning, especially our higher education institutions should be places where we can vociferously debate these issues. Where everybody from every side can come and tell why or why not they have the beliefs that they do and yes, sometimes those beliefs will be abhorrent to most of us. That's what freedom of speech is about. The founders were smart, they were intelligent, and they knew that the minority view needed to be protected in a constitutional republic if it was to survive. The 1st Amendment isn't for things that we all agree about. I don't need the 1st Amendment to protect me from my right to say that puppies are cute. I think most of us agree that puppies are cute. I need my 1st Amendment rights to protect me from people who would prosecute me for my position on something that they don't agree with, someone prosecuting a minority view. So, Mister Speaker, to protect our educational institutions and make sure that speech and debate is had in a full-throated way and understanding the very diligent work that was put into this bill, I urge you to join me, Representative McDonnell, the young people of this body and everybody in here who loves freedom of speech in supporting the Ought to Pass motion on this legislation. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Luneau.

Representative Luneau: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I'm here to speak in opposition to HB 1305. Make no mistake, I'm in favor of free speech and free speech on our college campuses. While the bill has some good aspects, they are already being done throughout the state's university and community college systems and are included in free speech policies at UNH, Plymouth, Keene and all the community colleges. UNH is ranked third in the country among all colleges and universities for its policies on free speech and expression and all of our state's four-year institutions received green lights from the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression. This bill is unnecessary. But most importantly, the bill overreaches far beyond speech and expression. We haven't talked about this yet. It requires our state colleges and universities to recognize student organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion and political ideology. The bill would require UNH and the other colleges and universities to fund these groups, some of them being hate groups with money coming from taxpayers, tuition and fees. Are you kidding? Really? Is this what New Hampshire is all about? This bill fuels a divisive environment on campus, and it violates our state's own anti-discrimination laws and federal law such as Title IX. Taxpayers and families expect better. The sponsors ignored input and feedback from the universities and community colleges. Bills like this would promote discrimination and hate speech and should be resoundingly rejected. Press the red button if you support antidiscrimination. You know, there's a lot of UNH graduates here in New Hampshire and they want to know what side you're on so I'm going to stand by and request a roll call vote on this as well, Mister Speaker, so that they know. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Popovici-Muller.

Representative Popovici-Muller: Thank you, Mister Speaker and distinguished colleagues. I rise today to correct a lot of misinformation about this bill. I shared a package of documents and videos with all of you ahead of time. I don't need to keep my cards close to my chest. I'd rather give you the time to consider everything at length. I could address the minority report point that we are doing great, and we are ranked 3rd by FIRE, but our FIRE score is only 72/100 which is a rather mediocre C minus. I think it's perfectly reasonable to ask our university to do better. I could remind you that UC Berkeley went from being the heart of the free speech movement to suffering from repeated cases of violence being used to suppress speech, just like UPenn went from being against free speech to being for free speech and then back again to being against free speech. We have a duty to set standards and make sure that our institutions respect free speech permanently, so this legislation is needed. I could spend time to address the puzzling claim that HB 1305, and I quote "violates our state's own non-discrimination laws and federal law." But to take that claim seriously, you'd have to believe that nobody noticed it until now, because nobody testified against it in committee. You'd have to believe that the ACLU endorsed this bill two years in a row because they just didn't notice it was dismantling our anti discrimination laws which the ACLU is defending so staunchly, and you'd have to believe that the director of the civil rights unit, after a thorough review of this bill also failed to notice that this bill dismantles the statutes that the civil rights unit is designed to protect. Yeah, right. So why the opposition to this bill? If you took the ten minutes that I asked you for when I sent you that email yesterday to watch the videos, you already know. This publicly stated desire to ban student associations whose beliefs one finds repugnant is very understandable, its human nature, but acting on such desires is unconstitutional, and a terrible policy. We cannot and should not punish people based on the content of their lawful speech, regardless of how repugnant we may find it. Free speech is the cornerstone of our nation. Tampering with it is foolish. I want to remind you that a lot of commonly accepted beliefs today have been considered repugnant at the beginning. Abolitionism was considered repugnant and was attacked because of claims of emotional harm against the slave owners. Women's rights were considered a repugnant idea. How dare they? Gay rights were so radioactive in the 50's that the ACLU refused to even represent them. It took another decade until the ACLU was comfortable enough. So many ideas are strong today because someone protected them, the 1st Amendment, against the people who wanted to silence them until they grew into the supported ideas they are today. The freedom of association bans all comers policies, which would require every student association to accept every member. Those policies are discriminatory in intent and in application, because to apply them literally, the way they are written would require every university to remove every safe space, because every safe space is discriminatory. That way you don't allow everybody in. Nobody intends to do that, and they shouldn't. All we are asking for is the same treatment for everybody to have their own safe spaces to meet. Should apply to everyone. Same thing with the minimal funds that they get from the university. Which, by the way, come from student activity fees. Not from taxpayer money, not tuition funds, student activity fees from the people who attend. There is no requirement for the university to offer any funds to any student associations. The bill simply says that if you do it, you have to give it to everybody equally. You don't have to, if you find that objectionable. Equal protection under the law, equal rights for everyone. That is all we are asking for. The minority report also appears to consistently confuse discrimination, which is legal and good, with illegal discrimination, which is based on belonging to a protected class, which is bad and illegal. UNH discriminates against every student they reject. Should they accept everybody who applies? Does the school discriminate against athletically challenged students by not letting a 5-foot student who is weighing 100lb play nose tackle, or center on the basketball team? How dare you discriminate. And please, try to imagine a world in which you would be legally required to date anybody who asks you out because to deny somebody is discriminatory. Of course, it's not illegally discriminatory, thank God. Nobody is suggesting those policies are good, but by the same token, all comers policies are terrible, so we should make sure they don't come in. But for the record, illegal discrimination is still a red herring. Every example of undesirable student associations discussed in hearings both in 2023 and 2024 was based on their beliefs, speech and expression, whether it was their purported support for genocide, or their neo nazi membership, white supremacists or anti semitic. If even members of the Education Committee cannot resist the unconstitutional desire to ban certain student associations in order to suppress speech, they find repugnant, what chance does the faculty, staff and student membership have to resist the same temptations? This by the way is precisely the type of student association ban that victims testified about in 2023, and I am dismayed by the fact that people who watched this testimony are trying to oppose the bill that is trying to prevent further abuses. And by the way, another one of those situations happened later in 2023, reminding us of the need to pass this bill to make it crystal clear to everyone that we do not tolerate such actions in the State of New Hampshire. I am asking you all to reject these attempts to enable oppression of minorities based on their beliefs, lawful beliefs and speech and protect all members of the campus community by supporting the OTP motion for this bipartisan bill. Thank you, Mister Speaker. I will not be taking any questions, and I do also request a roll call vote. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: I was just going to ask if the member yielded to questions. No, member does not yield. The motion before us is Ought to Pass as Amended on HB 1305. A roll call has been requested. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members will take their seats. The motion before us is Ought to Pass as Amended on HB 1305. This is going to be a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Damon for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Damon: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that the university and community college systems in New Hampshire already have effective policy standards for free speech and expression and are highly ranked nationally for their fair application of those policies. And if I know that this bill would require our state colleges and universities to recognize and fund organizations that discriminate on the basis on race, gender, religion and political ideology. And if I know that despite its title, this bill actually violates our state's nondiscrimination laws, would I now press the red button? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The chair recognizes Rep. Lynn for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Lynn: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that freedom of expression and freedom of association are under attack in this country, particularly in our academic institutions which should be the last place we would expect this to occur. And if I know that although New Hampshire public colleges and universities fair better in this regard than private colleges and universities, and those in some other states, our public institutions of higher learning have not been immune to the scourge of political correctness. And if I know that championing diversity is the cause célèbre in the academic world as to all things but one. That exception being diversity of thought. And if I know that HB 1305 enhances freedom of expression and freedom of association on our public university campuses while giving administrators ample authority to impose reasonable time, place and manner limitations on these rights. And finally, Mister Speaker, if I know that this bill does not and could not under the supremacy clause authorize the university system to sanction unlawful discrimination based on race, sex or any other protected class, then would I support the OTP motion by pushing the green button? Thank you, Mister Speaker and I also request a roll call vote.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is Ought to Pass as Amended on HB 1305. This is a roll call vote. If you are in favor, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had the opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 206 voting Yea, 169 voting Nay, the committee report is adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1311, relative to school district collection development and reconsideration policies. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill, the Students' Freedom to Read bill, requires school boards to adopt policies governing library media collections and the reconsideration of library materials. The bill requires schools to have a collection development policy and a reconsideration policy to address parent and guardian requests to remove library materials developed by the locally elected school board. Many school districts already have policies and procedures in place. This bill was developed in collaboration with diverse education stakeholder groups including the New Hampshire School Library Media Association. Transparent processes for addressing and resolving requests to remove materials meet the needs of concerned parents and guardians. Nationally, more than half of the materials that were targeted for removal in 2023 were by and about people of color, Indigenous people, and LGBTQ+ individuals. Students, regardless of their gender identity, race, sexual orientation, or ability have the right to see themselves represented in their school libraries. The bill offers a balanced approach that respects the rights of educators, students, and parents. The bill requires that policies must be in substantial compliance with New Hampshire's public education nondiscrimination laws which ensure that schools do not simply remove materials based on an author or subject's identity within these protected classes. Based on the Supreme Court's ruling in the Pico case school boards may not remove books that "prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion or other matters of opinion." This Students' Freedom to Read bill is commonsense, bipartisan legislation which helps us prevent discrimination, preserves local control, and guarantees concerned parents and guardian's due process.

Rep. Linda Tanner

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill requires school districts to adopt collection development policies concerning the selection of materials for library media centers as well as their removal. The problem with this bill is that it does not allow for policies that would actually establish clear criteria for the selection or removal process. Such collection development policies, as put forth in this bill, would primarily require librarians to judge books and other library material by the identity of their authors and characters. In essence, this bill would make it impossible to have any library material removed after a parent or guardian placed a reconsideration request because it mandates that the selection or removal of materials cannot be based on the authors' or characters' "age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, physical or mental disability, national origin or sexual orientation." What this bill really requires is an "anything goes" collection development policy that is further reinforced by the prohibition of removing or not selecting material "on the basis of viewpoint." If an author's writings convey the viewpoint that pedophilia is an acceptable practice, for example, it could be argued that this book could not be removed. This bill was mentioned during the debate over HB 1419 as a real solution to the problem of obscene material. In actuality, it is not a solution at all because it allows obscene material to be selected and retained based on the identity

of the author and/or characters as well as the viewpoint of the author. This bill, which encourages something much worse than “judging a book by its cover,” would not only make it impossible for local jurisdictions to remove inappropriate material; it would promote vague guidelines encouraging the acquisition of the very sort of objectionable materials that would eventually result in reconsideration requests.

Rep. Arlene Quaratiello

Rep. Myler moved Ought to Pass.

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **HB 1311**, relative to school district collection development and reconsideration policies, be Indefinitely Postponed.

Rep. Sweeney spoke in favor and requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Bean, Harry
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Beaudoin, Richard

Bogert, Steven
McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
MacDonald, John
Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
Smith, Jonathan

Cordelli, Glenn
McConkey, Mark

Crawford, Karel
Pernel, Katy

CHESHIRE

Hunt, John
Nutting, Zachary

Qualey, James

Rhodes, Jennifer

Santonastaso, Matthew

COOS

Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Durkin, Sean

Murphy, Michael

Ouellet, Mike

GRAFTON

Berezhny, Lex
Rocheport, David

Brown, Carroll
Sellers, John

Greeson, Jeffrey
Simon, Matthew

Ladd, Rick

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Lekas, Alicia
Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Cushman, Leah
Griffin, Gerald
Kennedy, Stephen
Lewicke, John
McLean, Mark
Pank, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

Abare, Kimberly
King, Bill
Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Perez, Maria
Mooney, Maureen
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Ulery, Jordan

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Wherry, Robert

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolli, Jim
Healey, Robert
Lascelles, Richard
McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, Tony

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Andrus, Louise
Cambrils, Jose
Hoell, J.R.
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, Dave

Aylward, Deborah
Gerhard, Jason
Mason, James
Seaworth, Brian
Wolf, Dan

McGuire, Carol
Hill, Gregory
Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin
Wood, Clayton

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Piemonte, Tony
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
Love, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Ford, Oliver
Porcelli, Susan
Quaratiello, Arlene
Spillane, James

Brouillard, Jacob
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Harley, Tina
Janvrin, Jason
Kuttat, Katelyn
Lundgren, David
McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Sweeney, Joe

Mannion, Dennis
Doucette, Fred
Emerick, Tracy
Hobson, Deb
Perez, Kristine
Walsh, Lilli
Lynn, Bob
Melvin, Charles
Phillips, Emily
Pratt, Kevin
Pearson, Stephen
Sytek, John

Cahill, Tim
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Dolan, Tom
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wallace, Scott

Tripp, Richard
Verville, Kevin
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Vose, Michael
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Burnham, Claudine
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Phinney, Brandon

Connor, James
Kaczynski, Thomas
Pitre, Joseph

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Aron, Judy
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Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

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Damon, Hope

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and the motion failed.

The question being adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass.

Rep. David Paige spoke in favor.

Rep. Quaratiello spoke against and requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Coker, Matthew

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Myler, Mel
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Soucy, Timothy

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Bean, Harry
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Beaudoin, Richard

Bogert, Steven
McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Smith, Jonathan

Belcher, Mike
McConkey, Mark

Cordelli, Glenn
Peternel, Katy

MacDonald, John
Brown, Richard

CHESHIRE

Hunt, John
Nutting, Zachary

Qualey, James

Rhodes, Jennifer

Santonastaso, Matthew

COOS

Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Durkin, Sean

Murphy, Michael

Ouellet, Mike

GRAFTON

Berezhny, Lex
Rochefort, David

Brown, Carroll
Sellers, John

Greeson, Jeffrey
Simon, Matthew

Ladd, Rick

HILLSBOROUGH

Lekas, Alicia
Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Cushman, Leah
Griffin, Gerald
Kennedy, Stephen
Lewicke, John
Mooney, Maureen
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Ulery, Jordan

Abare, Kimberly
King, Bill
Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Wherry, Robert

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, Tony

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Lascelles, Richard
McLean, Mark
Panek, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambrils, Jose
Hoell, J.R.
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, Dave

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Seaworth, Brian
Wolf, Dan

Aylward, Deborah
Gerhard, Jason
Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin
Wood, Clayton

McGuire, Carol
Hill, Gregory
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
Love, David

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Harb, Robert
Janvrin, Jason
Kuttab, Katelyn
Lundgren, David

Brouillard, Jacob
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Hobson, Deb
Perez, Kristine
Walsh, Lilli
Lynn, Bob

Mannion, Dennis
Doucette, Fred
Emerick, Tracy
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark

McDonnell, Valerie
Ford, Oliver
Porcelli, Susan
Quaratiello, Arlene
Spillane, James
Dolan, Tom
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wallace, Scott

McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Sweeney, Joe
Tripp, Richard
Verville, Kevin
Weyler, Kenneth

Melvin, Charles
Phillips, Emily
Pratt, Kevin
Pearson, Stephen
Sytek, John
True, Chris
Vose, Michael
Yokela, Josh

Milz, David
Piemonte, Tony
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Cahill, Tim
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
Granger, Michael
Turcotte, Len

Bickford, David
Harrington, Michael
Newton, Clifford

Burnham, Claudine
Horgan, James
Pitre, Joseph

Connor, James
Kaczynski, Thomas
Potenza, Kelley

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
Spillsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

Smith, Steven

and the motion was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

The House recessed at 12:10 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1312, requiring parental notification of student health or well-being and certain curricula by school districts.
WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Statement in support of Ought to Pass with Amendment: This bill does two things. First, it expands current law that requires school notification of parents in advance of curriculum to be taught regarding sexual education and the ability to opt their child out. This bill adds instruction of programs regarding sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression. As amended, it also prohibits a district from adopting a policy that prohibits school personnel from answering parents' questions about their child, physical, mental, or emotional health, sexuality, or changes in related services. There is a provision that answers are not required if there was the belief that it might result in neglect or abuse. The basic intent of this section is that parents have the right to have their questions answered honestly.

Rep. Glenn Cordelli

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill is a totally unnecessary, divisive, and dangerous bill. New Hampshire education statutes already require schools to provide parents with a two-week advanced notice of curriculum course materials dealing with human sexuality or human sexuality instruction and give parents the ability to remove their child from instruction and course material they feel is objectionable. Schools recognize and respect that parents can and should be involved in the education of their child. However, this bill goes further to include a new section of education law dealing with the emotional well-being and mental health of students. It dangerously moves towards forcing teachers to out students to their parents without regard to the best interests of the child. It will affect the ability of local schools to provide professional mental health best practices and follow legal procedures in working with students and their parents in issues of mental health and suicide crisis. This section also directly affects the ability of teachers and staff to be that trusted adult that is part of the program adopted by the Department of Education from the Governor's School Safety Taskforce. This highly successful One Trusted Adult program encourages students to have a trusted adult at school. Having that one trusted adult to talk with is vital for preventing bullying, mental health issues, and substance abuse and promotes positive self-worth, a sense of belonging to the school community and creates a safe place for learning.

Rep. Linda Tanner

Rep. Cordelli moved Ought to Pass and offered amendment (0774h).

Amendment (0774h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 New Paragraph; Parental Notification of Changes in Student Mental Well-Being. Amend RSA 186:11 by inserting after paragraph IX-d the following new paragraph:

IX-e. Require School Districts to Adopt a Policy on Parental Notification of Changes in Student's Mental and Emotional Well-Being, or Related Services. A school district may not adopt policies, procedures or student support forms that prohibit school district personnel from answering questions from a parent about his or her student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being, sexuality, or a change in related services or monitoring, or that encourage or have the effect of encouraging a student to withhold from a parent such

information. School district personnel may not discourage or prohibit parental notification of and involvement in critical decisions affecting a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being. This paragraph does not prohibit a school district from adopting procedures that permit school personnel to withhold such information from a parent if a reasonably prudent person would believe that disclosure would result in abuse, abandonment, or neglect pursuant to RSA 169-C:3.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill expands notice requirements by school districts to parents for certain curriculum course material, and prohibits school districts from adopting policies that prohibit employees from answering questions from parents about students' well-being.

Amendment (0774h) was adopted.

The question being adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Rep. Damon spoke against.

Rep. Cordelli spoke in favor.

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Infantine, William
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Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Ulery, Jordan

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
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Healey, Robert
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McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, Tony

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hoell, J.R.
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, Dave

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Gerhard, Jason
Mason, James
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Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

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Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

Smith, Steven

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Huot, David

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Buco, Thomas
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Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

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and the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1512-FN, limiting education freedom account funding to budgeted amounts. WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This is a simple bill answering the question: should the education freedom account allocations stay within the agreed to state budget allocation? In each of the past three years of the program, they have exceeded their budget allocation. Should the program need more funding than budgeted, the program merely has to address the need to the Fiscal Committee, just like any other program needing additional funding. Frankly, there needs to be more prudent budgeting projection that accurately reflects the need of the program. Be that as it may, currently, the education freedom account program should be held to the same standard as other programs and be expected to stay within the agreed to program budgeted amount.

Rep. Mel Myler

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill would limit education freedom accounts to a budgeted amount. This is a bill that has been rejected by the House previously. This is another attempt to restrict the education freedom of students needing a different education environment. What would happen when the initial budgeted amount was reached? Needy students would be shut out of the program. There was testimony that the department could simply go to the Fiscal Committee for more funding. But that is not what the bill says. The current law states that the Governor can draw a warrant for additional funds if needed, but the bill removes current language and states that any warrant will be limited to \$19,800,000 for 2024 and budgeted amounts in future years. The bill places a hard cap on education freedom account funding and assistance to needy children.

Rep. Glenn Cordelli

Rep. Myler moved Ought to Pass and spoke in favor.

Rep. Cordelli spoke against.

Rep. Myler requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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 Lovett, Peter
 Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
 Hakken-Phillips, Mary
 Massimilla, Linda
 Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
 Hoyt, Tommy
 Morse, Corinne

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra
 Booras, Efstathia
 Calabro, Karen
 Darby, Will
 Elberger, Susan
 Gregg, Alicia
 Heath, Mary
 Smith, Juliet
 Leapley, Nicole
 Long, Patrick
 Mangipudi, Latha
 Murphy, Nancy
 Pedersen, Michael
 Newman, Ray
 Ryan, Linda
 Spier, Carry
 Vail, Suzanne
 Wheeler, Jonah

Baroody, Benjamin
 Bouchard, Donald
 Chretien, Jacqueline
 Devine, Shelley
 Davis, Fred
 Grill, Jessica
 Herbert, Christopher
 Juris, Louis
 LeClerc, Daniel
 Howard, Molly
 McGhee, Kat
 Nutter-Upham, Frances
 Petrigno, Peter
 Raymond, Heather
 Newman, Sue
 Staub, Kathy
 Veilleux, Daniel
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Beauchemin, Paige
 Bouldin, Amanda
 Cornell, Patricia
 DiSilvestro, Linda
 Freitas, Mary
 Hamer, Heidi
 Jack, Martin
 Foxx, Loren
 Leishman, Peter
 Murray, Megan
 Ming, Ben
 O'Brien, Michael
 Plamondon, Marc
 Rombeau, Catherine
 Seibert, Christine
 Telerski, Laura
 Dolan, William

Beaulieu, Jane
 Bradley, Amy
 Ford, Damond
 Dutzy, Sherry
 Goley, Jeffrey
 Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 Jeudy, Jean
 Lanza, Judi
 Lloyd, Christal
 MacKenzie, Mark
 Morton, Jennifer
 Panek, Sandra
 Preece, David
 Rung, Rosemarie
 Sofikitis, Catherine
 Tellez, Trinidad
 Thomas, Wendy

MERRIMACK

Turcotte, Alisson
 Ebel, Karen
 Lane, Connie
 Myler, Mel
 Schamberg, Thomas
 Soucy, Timothy

Brennan, Angela
 Gallagher, Eric
 Luneau, David
 Richards, Beth
 Schuett, Dianne
 Wallner, Mary Jane

Caplan, Tony
 Gibbs, Merryl
 MacKay, James
 Roesener, James
 Schultz, Kristina
 Wolf, Dan

Carey, Lorrie
 Hall, Muriel
 McWilliams, Rebecca
 Gould, Sherry
 Shurtleff, Steve

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
 Grossman, Gaby
 Haskins, Linda
 Paige, Mark
 McBeath, Rebecca
 Reynolds, Ned
 Vallone, Mark

DiLorenzo, Charlotte
 Grote, Jaci
 Murray, Kate
 Maggiore, Jim
 Meuse, David
 Read, Ellen
 Ward, Gerald

Edgar, Michael
 Guthrie, Joseph
 Knab, Allison
 Malloy, Dennis
 Muns, Chris
 Simpson, Alexis

Gilman, Julie
 Hamblet, Joan
 Cahill, Michael
 Manos, Zoe
 Rafter, Hal
 Turer, Eric

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
 Conlin, Bill
 Howard, Heath
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Pare, Gail

Bixby, Peter
 Fitzpatrick, Daniel
 Horrigan, Timothy
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Selig, Loren

Rich, Cecilia
 Smith, Geoffrey
 Howland, Allan
 Smith, Marjorie
 Southworth, Thomas

Cannon, Gerri
 Grassie, Chuck
 Kenney, Cam
 Schmidt, Peter
 Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
 Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

NAYS - 187**BELKNAP**

Bean, Harry
 Comtois, Barbara
 Nagel, David
 Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
 Dumais, Russell
 Ploszaj, Tom
 Varney, Peter

Bordes, Mike
 Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
 Beaudoin, Richard

Coker, Matthew
 McCarter, Nikki
 Smart, Lisa

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
 Crawford, Karel
 Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
 MacDonald, John

Cordelli, Glenn
 Smith, Jonathan

Costable, Michael
 McConkey, Mark

CHESHIRE

Hunt, John
 Thackston, Dick

Qualey, James
 Nutting, Zachary

Rhodes, Jennifer

Santonastaso, Matthew

COOS

Davis, Arnold
 King, Seth

Durkin, Sean

Murphy, Michael

Ouellet, Mike

GRAFTON

Berezhny, Lex
Rochefort, David

Brown, Carroll
Sellers, John

Greeson, Jeffrey
Simon, Matthew

Ladd, Rick

HILLSBOROUGH

Lekas, Alicia
Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Cushman, Leah
Griffin, Gerald
Infantine, William
Lascelles, Richard
McLean, Mark
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Ulery, Jordan

Abare, Kimberly
King, Bill
Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Kennedy, Stephen
Lewicke, John
Mooney, Maureen
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Wherry, Robert

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kenny, Catherine
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, Tony

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Kofalt, Jim
McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hoell, J.R.
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, Dave

Aylward, Deborah
Gerhard, Jason
Mason, James
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

McGuire, Carol
Hill, Gregory
Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Phillips, Emily
Pratt, Kevin
Pearson, Stephen
Sytek, John
True, Chris
Vose, Michael
Yokela, Josh

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
Love, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Ford, Oliver
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Cahill, Tim
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Brouillard, Jacob
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Harley, Tina
Janvrin, Jason
Kuttab, Katelyn
Lundgren, David
McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
Quaratiello, Arlene
Spillane, James
Dolan, Tom
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wallace, Scott

Mannion, Dennis
Doucette, Fred
Emerick, Tracy
Hobson, Deb
Perez, Kristine
Walsh, Lilli
Lynn, Bob
Melvin, Charles
Packard, Sherman
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Sweeney, Joe
Tripp, Richard
Vervelle, Kevin
Weyler, Kenneth

STRAFFORD

Ankarberg, Aidan
Connor, James
Kaczynski, Thomas
Potenza, Kelley

Bailey, Glenn
Granger, Michael
Turcotte, Len

Bickford, David
Harrington, Michael
Newton, Clifford

Burnham, Claudine
Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

Smith, Steven

and the motion of Ought to Pass failed.

Reps. Richard Brown and Panek voted Yea and intended to vote Nay.

CLERK'S NOTE

The Speaker voted to break the tie, pursuant to House Rule 23, the motion failed.

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **HB 1512-FN**, limiting education freedom account funding to budgeted amounts, be Indefinitely Postponed.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 187 - NAYS 185

YEAS - 187**BELKNAP**

Bean, Harry
Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

Bordes, Mike
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Beaudoin, Richard

Coker, Matthew
McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Costable, Michael
McConkey, Mark

CHESHIRE

Hunt, John
Thackston, Dick

Qualey, James
Nutting, Zachary

Rhodes, Jennifer

Santonastaso, Matthew

COOS

Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Durkin, Sean

Murphy, Michael

Ouellet, Mike

GRAFTON

Berezhny, Lex
Rochefort, David

Brown, Carroll
Sellers, John

Greeson, Jeffrey
Simon, Matthew

Ladd, Rick

HILLSBOROUGH

Lekas, Alicia
Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Cushman, Leah
Griffin, Gerald
Infantine, William
Lascelles, Richard
McLean, Mark
PANEK, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

Abare, Kimberly
King, Bill
Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Kennedy, Stephen
Lewicke, John
Mooney, Maureen
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Ulery, Jordan

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kenny, Catherine
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Wherry, Robert

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Kofalt, Jim
McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, Tony

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hoell, J.R.
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, Dave

Aylward, Deborah
Gerhard, Jason
Mason, James
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

McGuire, Carol
Hill, Gregory
Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Cahill, Tim
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
Love, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Ford, Oliver
Porcelli, Susan
Quaratiello, Arlene
Spillane, James
Dolan, Tom
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wallace, Scott

Brouillard, Jacob
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Harley, Tina
Janvrin, Jason
Kuttab, Katelyn
Lundgren, David
McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Sweeney, Joe
Tripp, Richard
Verville, Kevin
Weyler, Kenneth

Mannion, Dennis
Doucette, Fred
Emerick, Tracy
Hobson, Deb
Perez, Kristine
Walsh, Lilli
Lynn, Bob
Melvin, Charles
Phillips, Emily
Pratt, Kevin
Pearson, Stephen
Sytek, John
True, Chris
Vose, Michael
Yokela, Josh

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Connor, James
Kaczynski, Thomas
Potenza, Kelley

Bailey, Glenn
Granger, Michael
Turcotte, Len

Bickford, David
Harrington, Michael
Newton, Clifford

Burnham, Claudine
Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

Smith, Steven

NAYS - 185**BELKNAP**

Huot, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Buco, Thomas
Brown, Richard

Burroughs, Anita
Woodcock, Stephen

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Jones, Philip
Schapiro, Joe

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Monteil, Renee
Tatro, Bruce

Harvey, Cathryn
Filiault, Shaun
Newell, Jodi
Toll, Amanda

Fox, Dru
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

COOS

Cascadden, Corinne

Kelley, Eamon

Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Sullivan, Jared
Muirhead, Russell

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lovett, Peter
Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Massimilla, Linda
Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
Hoyt, Tommy
Morse, Corinne

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Aissandra
Booras, Efsthathia
Calabro, Karen
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
Mangipudi, Latha
Murphy, Nancy
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel
Wilhelm, Matthew

Baroody, Benjamin
Bouchard, Donald
Chretien, Jacqueline
Devine, Shelley
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Tellerski, Laura
Dolan, William

Beauchemin, Paige
Bouldin, Amanda
Cornell, Patricia
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Ming, Ben
O'Brien, Michael
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Thomas, Wendy

Beaulieu, Jane
Bradley, Amy
Ford, Damond
Dutzy, Sherry
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jeudy, Jean
Lanza, Judi
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Morton, Jennifer
Pedersen, Michael
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, Jonah

MERRIMACK

Turcotte, Alisson
Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Myler, Mel
Schamberg, Thomas
Soucy, Timothy

Brennan, Angela
Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Richards, Beth
Schuett, Dianne
Wallner, Mary Jane

Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryl
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
Schultz, Kristina
Wolf, Dan

Carey, Lorrie
Hall, Muriel
McWilliams, Rebecca
Gould, Sherry
Shurtleff, Steve

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Grossman, Gaby
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
McBeath, Rebecca
Raynolds, Ned
Vallone, Mark

DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Grote, Jaci
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Meuse, David
Read, Ellen
Ward, Gerald

Edgar, Michael
Guthrie, Joseph
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Muns, Chris
Simpson, Alexis

Gilman, Julie
Hamblet, Joan
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Rafter, Hal
Turer, Eric

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
Conlin, Bill
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Pare, Gail

Bixby, Peter
Fitzpatrick, Daniel
Horriggan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren

Rich, Cecilia
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas

Cannon, Gerri
Grassie, Chuck
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

and the motion was adopted.

Rep. Richard Brown voted Nay and intended to vote Yea.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1594-FN, establishing an annual review and qualification to determine eligibility to participate in the education freedom accounts program. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: The education freedom account program was introduced and is a poverty program enabling participation if a family's annual income is at or below 350% poverty level (\$105,000).

Currently, once a family qualifies for the program's initial eligibility, they continue for the "school life" of their child. As their family income increases over the years and they move out of the 350% range, they remain a participant in the program. Unlike other poverty programs, the education freedom account program has no annual recertification and is exempt from other poverty program requirements. Poverty programs that require annual recertification are: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance Needy Families (TANF), State Supplemental Cash, Medicaid, New Hampshire Child Care Scholarship Program, New Hampshire RX Advantage Program, Women Infants and Children Program, and Social Services Block Grant Program. Currently, 45% of the education freedom account students that participate in the free and reduced lunch program do have to be annually recertified to ensure that the family income is within the poverty level threshold. This bill merely places the education freedom account program in alignment with similar poverty programs requiring the annual recertification of a family's income. It is the belief of the Ought to Pass advocates that as a family's annual income increases beyond the 350% poverty level, they should no longer be eligible to receive an education freedom account grant.

Rep. Mel Myler

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill would require means testing for education freedom account (EFA) recipients in years subsequent to the initial qualifying period. If a family no longer qualifies, a student might be forced to return to an educational system that was not meeting their needs. The purpose of the EFA program is to encourage parents to seek educational opportunities that maximize their child's potential. Parents would be disincentivized from advancing in their occupations or income level because even a modest wage increase of \$1/hour could eliminate their child from the program. Knowing that such a slight increase would prohibit future funding could be a discouragement to accessing this successful program. EFA's are currently being utilized by 3% of qualifying students, demonstrating slow growth. It would be unfair to eliminate funding for students thriving in an academic setting that meets their educational needs.

Rep. Katy Peternel

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **HB 1594-FN**, establishing an annual review and qualification to determine eligibility to participate in the education freedom accounts program, be Indefinitely Postponed.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 189 - NAYS 184

YEAS - 189

BELKNAP

Bean, Harry
Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

Bordes, Mike
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Beaudoin, Richard

Coker, Matthew
McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John
Brown, Richard

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Costable, Michael
McConkey, Mark

CHESHIRE

Hunt, John
Thackston, Dick

Qualey, James
Nutting, Zachary

Rhodes, Jennifer

Santonastaso, Matthew

COOS

Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Durkin, Sean

Murphy, Michael

Ouellet, Mike

GRAFTON

Berezhny, Lex
Rochefort, David

Brown, Carroll
Sellers, John

Greeson, Jeffrey
Simon, Matthew

Ladd, Rick

HILLSBOROUGH

Lekas, Alicia
Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Cushman, Leah
Griffin, Gerald
Infantine, William
Lascelles, Richard
McLean, Mark
Pank, Sandra

Abare, Kimberly
King, Bill
Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Kennedy, Stephen
Lewicke, John
Mooney, Maureen
Pauer, Diane

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kenny, Catherine
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Kofalt, Jim
McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa

Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Ulery, Jordan

Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Wherry, Robert

Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, Tony

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hoell, J.R.
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, Dave

Aylward, Deborah
Gerhard, Jason
Mason, James
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

McGuire, Carol
Hill, Gregory
Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Hobson, Deb
Perez, Kristine
Walsh, Lilli
Lynn, Bob
Melvin, Charles
Phillips, Emily
Pratt, Kevin
Pearson, Stephen
Sytek, John
True, Chris
Vose, Michael
Yokela, Josh

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Guthrie, Joseph
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Cahill, Tim
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Brouillard, Jacob
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
Love, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Ford, Oliver
Porcelli, Susan
Quaratiello, Arlene
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Dolan, Tom
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wallace, Scott

Mannion, Dennis
Doucette, Fred
Emerick, Tracy
Harley, Tina
Janvrin, Jason
Kuttab, Katelyn
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Osborne, Jason
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
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Potenza, Kelley

Bailey, Glenn
Granger, Michael
Turcotte, Len

Bickford, David
Harrington, Michael
Newton, Clifford

Burnham, Claudine
Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

Smith, Steven

NAYS - 184

BELKNAP

Huot, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Buco, Thomas
Woodcock, Stephen

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Jones, Philip
Schapiro, Joe

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Monteil, Renee
Tatro, Bruce

Harvey, Cathryn
Filialt, Shaun
Newell, Jodi
Toll, Amanda

Fox, Dru
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

COOS

Cascadden, Corinne

Kelley, Eamon

Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Sullivan, Jared
Muirhead, Russell

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lovett, Peter
Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Massimilla, Linda
Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
Hoyt, Tommy
Morse, Corinne
Sykes, George

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Murray, Alissandra
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Bradley, Amy
Ford, Damond
Dutzy, Sherry
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jeudy, Jean
Lanza, Judi

Nutting-Wong, Allison
Booras, Efstathia
Calabro, Karen
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet
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Baroody, Benjamin
Bouchard, Donald
Chretien, Jacqueline
Devine, Shelley
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
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Cornell, Patricia
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Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
Leishman, Peter

Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Morton, Jennifer
Pedersen, Michael
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, Jonah

Long, Patrick
Mangipudi, Latha
Murphy, Nancy
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
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Nutter-Upham, Frances
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
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O'Brien, Michael
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Gallager, Eric
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Roesener, James
Schultz, Kristina
Wolf, Dan

Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryl
MacKay, James
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Shurtleff, Steve

Carey, Lorrie
Hall, Muriel
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Soucy, Timothy

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Maggiore, Jim
Meuse, David
Read, Ellen
Ward, Gerald

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Malloy, Dennis
Muns, Chris
Simpson, Alexis

Edgar, Michael
Hamblet, Joan
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Rafter, Hal
Turer, Eric

Gilman, Julie
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
McBeath, Rebecca
Raynolds, Ned
Vallone, Mark

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and the motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1671-FN, relative to the complaint process for teaching discrimination and allowing educators and school officials a right of action for damages and costs for false accusations. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for the Majority of Education. This bill deletes the section of law that states that an educator shall be considered in violation of the Teacher Code of Conduct that justifies disciplinary sanction by the state board of education upon a determination regarding the educator's non-compliance with the "prohibition on teaching discrimination." The local school board would then replace and assume the responsibility of the State Board of Education for investigating and the hearing process relative to this section of law. The bill further provides that an educator claiming to be aggrieved by a violation of the "Prohibition on Teaching Discrimination," to seek a mere administrative finding or decision at a local school board hearing. Based upon a local board investigation and finding, an educator or other staff member who is falsely claimed to be in violation of this section to initiate a civil action against any persons or the department in superior court for legal or equitable relief. The bill dramatically shifts the burden of proof to such that a mere administrative finding in a local school board hearing would constitute sufficient proof for damages. New Hampshire already defines defamation in both civil and criminal law and attaches appropriate civil and criminal standards of evidence for proof against the accused. This bill dangerously shifts the foundations of our judicial system and due process in a manner severely detrimental to the public good and a discrimination free education. Vote 16-4.

Rep. Linda Tanner for the Minority of Education. This bill addresses the need to provide protections and recourse for false accusations against a teacher or educator under RSA 193:40, IV also known as the divisive concept laws. Because of the vagueness of the underlying bill and, in paragraph IV, the addition of punishment as a violation of the Code of Conduct which can result in the loss of teacher credentials, false accusations have occurred which have resulted in monetary costs and mental stress to individuals and districts. In addition, this bill addresses the use or the misuse of the Code of Conduct and Ethics to be used to punish teachers for locally school board approved curriculum and pedagogy.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.
Majority committee report was adopted.

CACR 19, relating to redistricting. Providing that an independent redistricting commission shall be established to draw boundaries for state and federal offices. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass with Amendment: This CACR would establish a decennial, bipartisan redistricting commission composed of three Democrats, three Republicans, and three Independents, all appointed by a panel of retired New Hampshire Superior Court justices. The commission would be charged with creating the redistricting plans for the U.S. House of Representatives, Executive Council, State Senate, and State House of Representatives. The commission is required to submit redistricting plans to be certified by the Secretary of State by December 15 of the odd year following the decennial census. Any recommendation would require a majority of at least seven members of the commission, which means that any recommended plan would need support from at least one of each representative party. Strictly speaking, any recommended plan would not be “independent,” so much as it would be bipartisan – the idea being that any plan that Republicans, Democrats, and Independents support will be considered fair by a broad, cross-section of the state. Only political elites like partisan gerrymandering: according to an April 2021 AP-NORC poll, 74% of Democrats, 60% of Republicans and 63% of Independents view partisan gerrymandering as a “major problem.” A separate poll reported in 2021 that 88% of Trump voters and 92% of Biden voters oppose partisan gerrymandering. Partisan gerrymandering was invented by political elites to cement themselves in power. A vote for CACR 19 would give New Hampshire citizens the chance to establish a process of drawing district boundaries that everyone can support.

Rep. Connie Lane

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This CACR would create an unworkable solution to the redistricting process. It creates more than eight additional criteria that would inevitably be unattainable and invite even further legal challenges to the redistricting process. In the 1,500+ words that this would add to our state constitution, it creates unattainable deadlines. Had this been in place after the 2020 Census, the committee would have had to produce a map in an extraordinarily tight window with little public input due to the late census data release. While there are many on the committee who have concerns about our redistricting process, further complicating the process will not make it better. In this proposal, judges, selected by the Secretary of State, select a pool of applicants who then select more members. The question must then be asked, who selects the Secretary of State (politicians) and who appoints the judges (again, politicians)? While attempts to remove politics from this process are noble, they are misguided and further shift the decision making away from people who are responsive to voters to those who are accountable to no one. This process has been left in the hands of the legislature for over 200 years and has delivered peaceful transitions of power in New Hampshire and members of the committee did not see reason to change that.

Rep. Ross Berry

Rep. Lane moved Ought to Pass and offered amendment (0910h).

Amendment (0910h)

Amend the bill by replacing all after the resolving clause with the following:

I. That the second part of the constitution be amended by inserting after article 8 the following new article:

[Art.] 8-a. [Independent Redistricting Commission.] An Independent Redistricting Commission whose function is to draw election district boundaries for all state and federal elections in New Hampshire is essential to ensure a robust democratic process. Therefore:

(a) There is hereby established a nonpartisan Independent Redistricting Commission which shall be charged with establishing all election district boundaries for all state and federal elections in New Hampshire. This Commission is established so that henceforth elections shall reflect to the greatest extent possible the wishes of the voters of New Hampshire by eliminating partisan distortions of electoral districts.

(b) The Commission shall consist of members of the public. A person shall be eligible for appointment to the Commission if the person has been a resident of New Hampshire for 2 years, is eligible to register to vote in New Hampshire, and does not currently hold office or is not a candidate for and has not served in any of the following offices for the last 10 years: the United States House of Representatives, United States Senate, New Hampshire house of representatives, New Hampshire senate, governor, executive council, or a county commission.

(c) The secretary of state shall begin the process of gathering a pool of applicants for the commission no later than October 1 of each year ending in zero by taking efforts that the secretary of state deems appropriate to notify all eligible persons and invite them to apply. These efforts shall include:

(1) Advertising the application period and criteria in the newspapers in the state.

(2) Advertising the application period and criteria on the home page of state agency websites, including those of the secretary of state and the Commission.

(3) Requesting media to publicize the Commission’s search for eligible members.

(d) A person who is eligible to serve as a member of the Commission may submit an application to the secretary of state no later than December 1 of each year ending in the number zero. Such applications shall include the following:

(1) Whether the applicant or an applicant's immediate family has, in the preceding 10 years, registered as a lobbyist, served as an officer, paid consultant, or contractor of a campaign committee, political committee, or state-level political party, or served as a staff member, paid consultant, or contractor for an elected official or candidate for public office. For purposes of this article, "immediate family" shall mean spouse, children, parents, siblings, and siblings' spouses' children.

(2) What elective offices, if any, the applicant or applicant's immediate family has held in the past 10 years.

(3) In which elections the applicant has voted the past 10 years, and if the applicant has voted in a state primary election or a presidential primary election in New Hampshire in the past 6 years.

(4) A sworn statement under oath, subject to the penalty of perjury, that the applicant will comply with the redistricting criteria in the constitution and the laws of New Hampshire.

(e) The commission shall be selected from the pool of applicants by a panel of 4 retired superior court or supreme court judges chosen by the secretary of state. If a retired judge is disqualified from serving as a commissioner, the judge is also disqualified from serving on the panel. The panel shall not include more than two retired judges of the same party. The panel shall review the applicants and create a pool of no more than 60 applicants (20 Republicans, 20 Democrats, and 20 undeclared voters). The panel shall interview the applicants and allow for public comment on applicants before creating a pool of 45 finalists that is equally divided between Republicans, Democrats, and undeclared voters and represents the state both geographically and demographically. Six commissioners (2 Republicans, 2 Democrats, and 2 undeclared voters) shall be randomly selected by the panel. The 6 commissioners so selected shall together select the remaining 3 commissioners from the remaining pool of applicants with the goal of balancing the commissioners geographically and demographically. The 6 commissioners shall randomly select applicants from the pool, with at least 4 commissioners agreeing upon each of the 3 remaining commissioners. No commissioner shall initiate communications or reply to communications about the selection process of the remaining commissioners with outside persons attempting to influence commissioners or commission action.

(f) In the event of substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct in office, or inability to discharge the duties of office, a member of the Commission may be removed by the Governor with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Senate after having been served written notice and provided with an opportunity for a response. The remaining members shall replace the removed member with another member of the public from the same political party as the removed member.

(g) The terms of all Commissioners shall be for ten years. A member may be re-appointed upon the expiration of his or her term, to serve a maximum of two terms. The members shall elect annually a chairperson from among the members.

(h) No Independent Redistricting Commission member shall make a contribution to any candidate for office or political committee during the time he or she serves on the Commission.

(i) The Commission shall be authorized to conduct the redistricting of the State required by the state Constitution in the year after the results of the decennial federal census. The Commission shall establish single or multi-member districts for the New Hampshire House of Representatives, and single member districts for the New Hampshire Senate, Executive Council and U.S. Congressional offices using the following criteria in the following order of priority:

(1) Districts shall comply with the United States Constitution and all applicable federal laws. Districts shall be drawn on the basis of total population.

(2) Districts shall comply with the New Hampshire constitution and all applicable state laws.

(3) Districts shall be geographically contiguous.

(4) Districts shall provide racial minorities and language minorities with an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and shall not diminish their ability to elect candidates of choice whether alone or in coalition with others.

(5) Districts shall respect the integrity of communities of interest to the extent practicable. A community of interest is defined as an area with recognized similarities of interests, including, but not limited to racial, ethnic, economic, social, cultural, geographic, or historic identities. Communities of interest shall not include common relationships with political parties or political candidates.

(6) Districts shall form single congeries and shall not be bisected or otherwise divided by other districts, and districts shall respect the geographic integrity of political boundaries to the extent practicable without violating the requirements of state law or this Constitution.

(7) The plan as a whole shall not have the intent or the effect of unduly favoring or disfavoring any political party or incumbent or candidate for political office.

(8) Districts shall be drawn, if possible, in compact shapes and shall avoid jagged edges and extensions.

(j) The Commission shall create an approved plan on or before December 15 of a year ending in 1 with a vote of at least 7 members, with at least one Democrat, one Republican, and one undeclared member voting in favor of the final plan. Upon completion, the Commission shall certify the final plan to the Secretary of State, and provide copies to the Speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives and the president of New Hampshire Senate.

(k) If the Commission fails to adopt and file a redistricting plan by December 15 of the odd year following a federal decennial census, the New Hampshire Supreme Court shall appoint, by January 15 of the year ending in 2, a special master to create a plan in accordance with the redistricting criteria and requirements set forth in subparagraph (i). The Supreme Court shall make the special master's plan public and schedule a hearing where interested parties may present testimony and other evidence regarding the plan's compliance with redistricting criteria. The Supreme Court shall modify or adopt the proposed plan no later than April 1 of the year ending in 2 and certify the results to the Secretary of State, which shall constitute the final certified plan.

(l) The Supreme Court has original and exclusive jurisdiction in all proceedings in which a certified final map is challenged or is claimed not to have taken timely effect. Any registered voter in this State may file a petition, within forty-five days after the commission has certified a final map to the Secretary of State, to bar the Secretary of State from implementing the plan on the grounds that the filed plan violates this Constitution, the United States Constitution, or any federal or state statute. The New Hampshire Supreme Court shall give priority to ruling on any matter related to redistricting presented to the Court. If the Court determines that a final certified map violates this Constitution, the United States Constitution, or any federal or state statute, the Court shall fashion the relief that it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, the relief set forth in subparagraph (k).

II. That article 9 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

[Art.] 9. [Representatives Elected Every Second Year; Apportionment of Representatives.] There shall be in the Legislature of this State a House of Representatives, biennially elected and founded on principles of equality, and representation therein shall be as equal as circumstances will admit. The whole number of representatives to be chosen from the towns, wards, places, and representative districts thereof established hereunder, shall be not less than three hundred seventy-five or more than four hundred. As soon as possible after the convening of the next regular session of the Legislature, and at the session in 1971, and every ten years thereafter, the [legislature] **Independent Redistricting Commission** shall make an apportionment of representatives according to the last general census of the inhabitants of the State taken by authority of the United States or of this State. In making such apportionment, no town, ward or place shall be divided nor the boundaries thereof altered.

III. That article 11 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

[Art.] 11. [Small Towns; Representation by Districts.] When the population of any town or ward, according to the last federal census, is within a reasonable deviation from the ideal population for one or more representative seats, the town or ward shall have its own district of one or more representative seats. The apportionment shall not deny any other town or ward membership in one non-floterial representative district. When any town, ward, or unincorporated place has fewer than the number of inhabitants necessary to entitle it to one representative, the [legislature] **Independent Redistricting Commission** shall form those towns, wards, or unincorporated places into representative districts which contain a sufficient number of inhabitants to entitle each district so formed to one or more representatives for the entire district. In forming the districts, the boundaries of towns, wards, and unincorporated places shall be preserved and contiguous. The excess number of inhabitants of a district may be added to the excess number of inhabitants of other districts to form at-large or floterial districts conforming to acceptable deviations. The [legislature] **Independent Redistricting Commission** shall form the representative districts at the regular session following every decennial federal census.

IV. That article 26 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

[Art.] 26. [Senatorial Districts, How Constituted.] And that the State may be equally represented in the Senate, the Legislature shall divide the State into single member districts, as nearly equal as may be in population, each consisting of contiguous towns, city wards and unincorporated places, without dividing any town, city ward or unincorporated place. The [legislature] **Independent Redistricting Commission** shall form the single member districts at its next session after approval of this article by the voters of the state and thereafter at the regular session following each decennial federal census.

V. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2024.

VI. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to insert in their warrants for the said 2024 election an article to the following effect: To decide whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2024 session of the general court shall be approved.

VII. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

"Are you in favor of amending the second part of the Constitution by inserting after article 8 a new article 8-a, and by amending articles 9, 11, and 26 to read as follows:

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VIII. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote "Yes" or "No." If no cross is made in either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words "Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by the 2024 General Court" shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

IX. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

X. Voters' Guide.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, the state legislature apportions state representatives according to the last United States census or state census.

IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, election district boundaries for all state and federal elections in the state shall be established by a nonpartisan Independent Redistricting Commission.

Amendment was adopted.

The question being adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Rep. Boehm spoke against.

Rep. Muirhead spoke in favor.

Rep. Lane requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Huot, David St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Buco, Thomas Burroughs, Anita Paige, David McAleer, Chris
Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael Ames, Richard Harvey, Cathryn Fox, Dru
Eaton, Daniel Faulkner, Barry Filiault, Shaun Germana, Nicholas
Jones, Philip Monteil, Renee Newell, Jodi Parshall, Lucius
Schapiro, Joe Tatro, Bruce Toll, Amanda Weber, Lucy

COOS

Cascadden, Corinne Kelley, Eamon Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan Baldwin, Heather Bolton, Bill Corman, Thomas
Fellows, Sallie Fracht, David Hakken-Phillips, Mary Hoyt, Tommy
Sullivan, Jared Lovett, Peter Massimilla, Linda Morse, Corinne
Muirhead, Russell Stavis, Laurel Stringham, Jerry Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra Nutting-Wong, Allison Baroody, Benjamin Beauchemin, Paige
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Bradley, Amy Calabro, Karen Chretien, Jacqueline Cornell, Patricia
Ford, Damond Darby, Will Devine, Shelley DiSilvestro, Linda
Dutzy, Sherry Elberger, Susan Davis, Fred Freitas, Mary
Goley, Jeffrey Gregg, Alicia Grill, Jessica Hamer, Heidi
Harriott-Gathright, Linda Heath, Mary Herbert, Christopher Jack, Martin
Jeudy, Jean Smith, Juliet Juris, Louis Foxx, Loren
Lanza, Judi Leapley, Nicole LeClerc, Daniel Leishman, Peter
Lloyd, Christal Long, Patrick Howard, Molly Murray, Megan
MacKenzie, Mark Mangipudi, Latha McGhee, Kat Ming, Ben
Morton, Jennifer Murphy, Nancy Nutter-Upham, Frances O'Brien, Michael
Pedersen, Michael Petrigno, Peter Plamondon, Marc Preece, David
Newman, Ray Raymond, Heather Rombeau, Catherine Rung, Rosemarie
Ryan, Linda Newman, Sue Seibert, Christine Sofikitis, Catherine

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Ebel, Karen
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Soucy, Timothy

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Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryl
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
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Wolf, Dan

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Hall, Muriel
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Shurtleff, Steve

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Balboni, Peggy
Grossman, Gaby
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
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Vallone, Mark

DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Grote, Jaci
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
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Nutting, Zachary

Rhodes, Jennifer

Santonastaso, Matthew

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King, Seth

Durkin, Sean

Murphy, Michael

Ouellet, Mike

GRAFTON

Berezhny, Lex
Rochefort, David

Brown, Carroll
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Proulx, Mark
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Erf, Keith
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Kenny, Catherine
Perez, Maria
Mooney, Maureen
Pauer, Diane
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Sheehan, Vanessa
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Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
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Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
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Wherry, Robert

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Andrus, Louise
Cambrils, Jose
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Testerman, Dave

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Gerhard, Jason
Mason, James
Seaworth, Brian
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Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin

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Ball, Lorie
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Pearson, Stephen
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Aron, Judy
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and the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment failed, lacking the necessary three-fifths vote.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Weber moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a roll call vote of 194-180, the House adopted the motion of Ought to Pass on **HB 1311**, relative to school district collection development and reconsideration policies.

Rep. Weber spoke against.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 183 - NAYS 192**YEAS - 183****BELKNAP**

Bean, Harry
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Beaudoin, Richard

Bogert, Steven
McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

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MacDonald, John
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Smith, Jonathan

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Wherry, Robert

Andrus, Louise
Cambriis, Jose
Leavitt, John
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, Dave

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Seaworth, Brian
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Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

Smith, Steven

NAYS - 192

BELKNAP

Bordes, Mike

Coker, Matthew

Huot, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Buco, Thomas
McAleer, Chris

Burroughs, Anita
Woodcock, Stephen

Costable, Michael

Paige, David

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Jones, Philip
Schapiro, Joe
Weber, Lucy

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Monteil, Renee
Tatro, Bruce

Harvey, Cathryn
Filiault, Shaun
Newell, Jodi
Thackston, Dick

Fox, Dru
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius
Toll, Amanda

COOS

Cascadden, Corinne

Kelley, Eamon

Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Sullivan, Jared
Muirhead, Russell

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lovett, Peter
Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Massimilla, Linda
Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
Hoyt, Tommy
Morse, Corinne
Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Aissandra
Beaulieu, Jane

Nutting-Wong, Allison
Booras, Efsthia

Baroody, Benjamin
Bouchard, Donald

Beauchemin, Paige
Bouldin, Amanda

Bradley, Amy
Ford, Damond
Dutzy, Sherry
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jeudy, Jean
Lanza, Judi
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Morton, Jennifer
Pedersen, Michael
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, Jonah

Calabro, Karen
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
Mangipudi, Latha
Murphy, Nancy
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel
Wilhelm, Matthew

Chretien, Jacqueline
Devine, Shelley
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
Dolan, William

Cornell, Patricia
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Ming, Ben
O'Brien, Michael
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Thomas, Wendy

MERRIMACK

Turcotte, Alisson
Ebel, Karen
Hall, Muriel
McWilliams, Rebecca
Gould, Sherry
Shurtleff, Steve

Brennan, Angela
Gallager, Eric
Lane, Connie
Myler, Mel
Schamberg, Thomas
Soucy, Timothy

Caplan, Tony
Gerhard, Jason
Luneau, David
Richards, Beth
Schuett, Dianne
Wallner, Mary Jane

Carey, Lorrie
Gibbs, Merryl
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
Schultz, Kristina
Wolf, Dan

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Grossman, Gaby
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
McBeath, Rebecca
Rafter, Hal
Turer, Eric

DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Grote, Jaci
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Meuse, David
Raynolds, Ned
Vallone, Mark

Edgar, Michael
Hamblet, Joan
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Muns, Chris
Read, Ellen
Ward, Gerald

Gilman, Julie
Harley, Tina
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Simpson, Alexis

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
Conlin, Bill
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Pare, Gail

Bixby, Peter
Fitzpatrick, Daniel
Horriggan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren

Rich, Cecilia
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas

Cannon, Gerri
Grassie, Chuck
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

and the motion failed.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1146, relative to the removal of a voter from the checklist. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: There is currently no mechanism for a voter to remove themselves from the voter checklist. While rare, there are times when a voter would like to unenroll such as being frustrated with the system or having moved to another state. Qualified voters have a right to vote and not to vote. The beauty of our system is it provides choice and currently New Hampshire law prohibits the choice to no longer participate. Allowing voters to remove themselves eliminates First Amendment concerns and will provide for a clearer and more precise checklist.

Rep. Ross Berry

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: Those opposing this bill find that it is unnecessary for several reasons and will create additional work for supervisors of the checklist and the Secretary of State. It is very rare for voters to request removal from the checklist and removal is already done periodically in the case of a voter dying or moving out of district. This bill would allow voters to remove themselves from the checklist on the day after an election, which would cause a loss of voting history and make it impossible to track and verify voters, if needed. In addition, the bill requires a photo ID that contains domicile address and date of birth, which not all photo IDs contain.

Rep. Hal Rafter

Rep. Berry moved Ought to Pass.

On a division vote, with 186 members having voted in the affirmative, and 183 in the negative, the motion was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1310-FN, relative to meetings of supervisors of the checklist. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill proposes changing the RSA 654:27-a to have the supervisors of the checklist meet at least every 90 days for the purpose of periodic voter checklist maintenance. It is well known from the recent 2021 voter roll verification – where almost a quarter-million voters were removed from the checklists – that the checklists were not being well-maintained on a regular basis. This requirement for regular quarterly meetings provides a consistent opportunity for towns and city wards to properly maintain the voter checklists.

Rep. Robert Wherry

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill is prescriptive and without apparent gains. Supervisors of checklists already meet at a cadence that works very well for their respective cities or towns. Meeting every 90 days is much more often than needed for most municipalities, especially small towns. Some Supervisors of the Checklist are opposed to this bill.

Rep. Luz Bay

Rep. Wherry moved Ought to Pass.

On a division vote, with 188 members having voted in the affirmative, and 187 in the negative, the motion was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

CLERK'S NOTE

The Speaker voted to break the tie, pursuant to House Rule 23, the motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D**HB 1348**, relative to polling places at which total ballot counts exceed the total number of registered voters. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass with Amendment: As amended under 2024-0894h, this bill adds a provision for a candidate to apply for a recount in a circumstance where the total count of cast ballots exceeds the number of registered voters on the day of the election. This provision would be available to any candidate on the ballot where such an election anomaly might occur. While such a circumstance has not been directly reported in New Hampshire, this situation has occurred elsewhere, and occurred without any legislative remedy. In such a circumstance, should the candidate wish to pursue a remedy, this bill provides a pathway for a recount.

Rep. Robert Wherry

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This unnecessary bill mandates a response to a literally impossible circumstance concerning a state election. As amended, the bill adds a gratuitous provision requiring a recount when “the total count of cast ballots exceeds the number of registered voters on the day of the election for any race, regardless of whether the candidate’s race was affected.” Our entire system of election administration, reporting, and accountability ensures that the hypothetical occasion that this bill is meant to address—when a polling place has more than a 100 percent turnout, including same-day registrants—will never, and can never, occur. No valid testimony was offered indicating that this situation has ever arisen, or is likely to present itself in New Hampshire. The work of our Secretary of State, moderators, clerks, and other election officials simply precludes such an imaginary result.

Rep. Gerald Ward

Rep. Wherry moved Ought to Pass and offered amendment (0894h).

Amendment (0894h)

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT governing the application for a ballot recount in a state general election.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Recount; Cast Ballots Exceeding the Number of Registered Voters. Amend RSA 660:1 to read as follows: 660:1 Application.

I. Any candidate for whom a vote was cast for any office at a state general election may apply for a recount, provided that:

(a) The difference between the votes cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected is less than 20 percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted; **or**

(b) *The total count of cast ballots exceeds the number of registered voters on the day of the election for any race, regardless of whether the candidate’s race was affected.*

II. The application shall be made in writing to the secretary of state and shall be submitted no later than the Friday following the election. Each candidate requesting a recount shall pay the secretary of state fees as provided in RSA 660:2.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prescribes the criteria and filing deadline for an application for a ballot recount in a state general election.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Lane moved that **HB 1348**, governing the application for a ballot recount in a state general election, be laid on the table.

Rep. Hoell requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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CARROLL

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Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael Ames, Richard Harvey, Cathryn Fox, Dru
Eaton, Daniel Faulkner, Barry Germana, Nicholas Jones, Philip
Monteil, Renee Newell, Jodi Parshall, Lucius Schapiro, Joe
Tatro, Bruce Toll, Amanda Weber, Lucy

COOS

Cascadden, Corinne Kelley, Eamon Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan Baldwin, Heather Bolton, Bill Corman, Thomas
Fellows, Sallie Fracht, David Hakken-Phillips, Mary Hoyt, Tommy
Sullivan, Jared Lovett, Peter Morse, Corinne Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel Stringham, Jerry Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra Nutting-Wong, Allison Baroody, Benjamin Beauchemin, Paige
Beaulieu, Jane Booras, Efstathia Bouchard, Donald Bouldin, Amanda
Bradley, Amy Calabro, Karen Chretien, Jacqueline Cornell, Patricia
Ford, Damond Darby, Will Devine, Shelley DiSilvestro, Linda
Dutzy, Sherry Elberger, Susan Davis, Fred Freitas, Mary
Goley, Jeffrey Gregg, Alicia Grill, Jessica Hamer, Heidi
Harriott-Gathright, Linda Heath, Mary Herbert, Christopher Jack, Martin
Jeudy, Jean Smith, Juliet Juris, Louis Foxx, Loren
Lanza, Judi Leapley, Nicole LeClerc, Daniel Leishman, Peter
Lloyd, Christal Long, Patrick Howard, Molly Murray, Megan
MacKenzie, Mark Mangipudi, Latha McGhee, Kat Ming, Ben
Morton, Jennifer Murphy, Nancy Nutter-Upham, Frances O'Brien, Michael
Pedersen, Michael Petrigno, Peter Plamondon, Marc Post, Lisa
Preece, David Newman, Ray Raymond, Heather Rombeau, Catherine
Rung, Rosemarie Ryan, Linda Newman, Sue Seibert, Christine
Sofikitis, Catherine Spier, Carry Staub, Kathy Telerski, Laura
Tellez, Trinidad Vail, Suzanne Veilleux, Daniel Dolan, William
Thomas, Wendy Wheeler, Jonah Wilhelm, Matthew

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Turcotte, Alisson Brennan, Angela Caplan, Tony Carey, Lorrie
Ebel, Karen Gallagher, Eric Gibbs, Merrill Hall, Muriel
Lane, Connie Luneau, David MacKay, James McWilliams, Rebecca
Myler, Mel Richards, Beth Roesener, James Gould, Sherry
Schamberg, Thomas Schuett, Dianne Schultz, Kristina Shurtleff, Steve
Soucy, Timothy Wallner, Mary Jane Wolf, Dan

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Balboni, Peggy DiLorenzo, Charlotte Edgar, Michael Gilman, Julie
Grossman, Gaby Grote, Jaci Hamblet, Joan Haskins, Linda
Murray, Kate Knab, Allison Cahill, Michael Paige, Mark
Maggiore, Jim Malloy, Dennis Manos, Zoe McBeath, Rebecca
Meuse, David Muns, Chris Rafter, Hal Reynolds, Ned
Read, Ellen Simpson, Alexis Turer, Eric Vallone, Mark
Ward, Gerald

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Bay, Luz Bixby, Peter Rich, Cecilia Cannon, Gerri
Conlin, Bill Fitzpatrick, Daniel Smith, Geoffrey Grassie, Chuck

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Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas

Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Wall, Janet

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Palmer, William

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Damon, Hope

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Burnham, Claudine
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Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

Smith, Steven

and the motion failed.

Rep. Post voted Yea and intended to vote Nay.

The question being adoption of amendment (0894h).

Rep. Hoell requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 191 - NAYS 183**YEAS - 191****BELKNAP**

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Dumais, Russell
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Varney, Peter

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Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Newman, Ray
Sheehan, Vanessa
Ulery, Jordan

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
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 Stapleton, Walter

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 Freitas, Mary
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and amendment (0894h) was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

On a division vote, with 191 members having voted in the affirmative, and 183 in the negative, the motion was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

(Rep. Steven Smith in the Chair)

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1364, relative to intimidation of election officers, improper influence over the electoral process, and tampering with electronic ballot counting devices. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass with Amendment: This bill would make threatening or harming election workers a felony; it would make publicizing an election worker's personal information a class A misdemeanor; and it would make tampering with electronic voting systems a class B misdemeanor. Threats against election workers across the country spiked after the 2020 election. Election administration depends on citizen volunteers and public-spirited officials in every town and city in the state. Yet finding volunteers and paid moderators is increasingly difficult. According to Amanda Gokee's reporting in the Boston Globe, 17 cities and towns in the state – including Concord, Manchester, and Nashua – were scrambling to find enough election workers with less than 2 weeks to go before the January 2024 presidential primary. Free and fair elections require polling places that are free of harassment, intimidation, and abuse. This bill gives law enforcement the tools it needs to protect election workers and the sanctity of polling places on Election Day.

Rep. Russell Muirhead

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: Those supporting the ITL motion are sensitive to the service of our poll workers and recognize that there is heightened anxiety with some voters as they participate in the democratic process. There are already protections for poll workers and prohibitions against the tampering of election systems. While we could likely agree on some of the provisions of this bill, certain parts go too far, such as the prohibition on the publication of public information of election officials. The author of this dissent has had his house threatened to be protested and understands and is sympathetic to the situation. However, the First Amendment protects political speech and the right to protest to a nearly absolute standard and, while it may be uncomfortable and distressful, chilling the First Amendment is not the solution. To be clear, no one on the committee holds the position that election officials should be threatened or intimidated, but this bill is not the remedy to this problem.

Rep. Ross Berry

Rep. Muirhead moved Ought to Pass and offered amendment (0890h).

Amendment (0890h)

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to intimidation of election officials, officers, and workers, improper influence over the electoral process, and tampering with electronic ballot counting devices, voter lists or rosters, voter registration systems, and voting system components or passwords.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Intimidation of Election Officials, Officers, and Workers. Amend RSA 659:40-b, I to read as follows:

I. No person shall use or threaten force, violence, or any tactic of coercion or intimidation to knowingly discourage, interfere with, or compel any election officer, as defined in RSA 652:14, **any election official, any election worker**, and other appointed individuals assisting at the polling place, such as ballot clerks and greeters, from engaging in or completing duties related to an election **or in retaliation against the election official, officer, or worker on account of the official's, officer's, or worker's performance of the their duties.**

2 Improper Influence. Amend RSA 640:3 to read as follows:

640:3 Improper Influence.

I. A person is guilty of a class B felony if he **or she**:

(a) Threatens any harm to a public servant, party official or voter with the purpose of influencing his **or her** action, decision, opinion, recommendation, nomination, vote or other exercise of discretion; or

(b) Privately addresses to any public servant who has or will have an official discretion in a judicial or administrative proceeding any representation, argument or other communication with the purpose of influencing that discretion on the basis of considerations other than those authorized by law; or

(c) Being a public servant or party official, fails to report to a law enforcement officer conduct designed to influence him **or her** in violation of subparagraph (a) or (b) hereof.

II. A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if he or she knowingly and without consent makes publicly available, including but not limited to, through the Internet, personal information about an election officer, official, or worker or an election officer's, official's, or worker's family or household member if:

(a) The dissemination poses an imminent and serious threat to the officer's, official's, or worker's safety or the safety of an officer's, official's, or worker's family or household member; and

(b) The person making the information publicly available knows or reasonably should know of any imminent and serious threat.

[H-] **III. "Harm" means any disadvantage or injury, to person or property or pecuniary interest, including disadvantage or injury to any other person or entity in whose welfare the public servant, party official, or voter is interested, provided that harm shall not be construed to include the exercise of any conduct protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or any provision of the federal or state constitutions.**

IV. "Personal information" means a person's home address, home telephone number, personal mobile telephone number, or personal email address; a photograph of a person; directions to person's home; or a photograph or description of a person's home, vehicle, or vehicle license plate.

3 Tampering with Electronic Ballot Counting Devices, Voter Lists or Rosters, Voter Registration Systems, and Voting System Components or Passwords. Amend RSA 659:42 to read as follows:

659:42 Tampering With Electronic Ballot Counting Devices, **Voter Lists or Rosters, Voter Registration Systems, and Voting System Components or Passwords.**

I. Whoever shall tamper with or injure or attempt to injure or facilitate unauthorized access to any electronic ballot counting device for the counting of ballots to be used or being used in an election or whoever shall prevent or attempt to prevent the correct operation of such device or whoever shall tamper with software used in the counting of ballots or design such software so as to cause incorrect tabulation of the ballots or any unauthorized person who shall make or have in his or her possession a key to an electronic ballot counting device to be used or being used in an election shall be guilty of a class B felony if a natural person or guilty of a felony if any other person.

II. Except for the purpose of conducting official duties as expressly authorized by law, a person shall not knowingly mutilate or erase any name, figure, or word on a voter registration list or polling place roster; remove or destroy a registration list or polling place roster; or mutilate, erase, or remove any part of a list or roster from the place where it has been deposited with an intention to destroy it, to procure or prevent the election of any person, or to prevent any voter from voting.

III. A person shall not knowingly access, or attempt to access, the statewide voter registration system except for the purpose of conducting official duties as authorized by law.

IV. A city or town clerk shall not knowingly create, permit any person to create, or disclose to any person an image of the hard drive of any voting system component without the express permission of the secretary of state.

V. A person shall not knowingly publish or cause to be published passwords or other confidential information relating to an electronic voting system. In addition to any other remedies and penalties provided by this section, the town or city clerk shall immediately revoke any authorized access rights of a person found to be in violation of this paragraph.

VI. The provisions of this section shall not apply to authorized vulnerability disclosure programs and bug bounty programs.

VII. Violators of the provisions above are guilty of a class B felony if a natural person or guilty of a felony if any other person.

VIII. The designated election official may follow the requirements of this section when voting system components are deployed for use or stored at a voting site and polling center.

IX. It shall be a class B misdemeanor for knowingly failing to comply with this section, unless the designated election official files notice with the secretary of state of inability to comply due to timeline and or funding constraints and lays out a timeline for compliance.

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes it a crime to intimidate election officers, officials, and workers, to improperly influence the electoral process, and to tamper with electronic ballot counting devices, voter lists or rosters, voter registration systems, and voting system components or passwords.

Amendment was adopted.

The question being adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **HB 1364**, relative to intimidation of election officials, officers, and workers, improper influence over the electoral process, and tampering with electronic ballot counting devices, voter lists or rosters, voter registration systems, and voting system components or passwords, be Indefinitely Postponed. Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

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 Jones, Philip
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 Weber, Lucy

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 Sullivan, Jared
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and the motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D**HB 1369**, relative to the verification of voter rolls every 4 years. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill proposes changing the interval for the verification of voter rolls from every ten (10) years to every four (4) years. The ten-year interval had proven to be inadequate as indicated by almost a quarter-million voters being removed during the verification performed in 2021. The four-year interval is optimally timed so that the greatest number of voters are accounted for, such that a four-year “look back” will minimize the inadvertent removal of voters who did not participate in local, state, or federal elections since the previous Presidential race. The bill proposes a starting year of implementation of 2027, and this year will begin a four-year cycle which will ensure that voter rolls have been properly verified in the years just prior to a Presidential election. This bill is supported by both the Secretary of State’s office and the New Hampshire City and Town Clerks’ Association.

Rep. Robert Wherry

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: Those opposed to this bill believe that removing voters from the voter rolls every four years is not a long enough time window, as suggested by the Secretary of State. This can disenfranchise voters by eliminating those who are eligible which can create several additional barriers that they were not expecting. Voters understand currently that the checklist is purged, along with the census, just like redistricting.

Rep. Heath Howard

Rep. Wherry moved Ought to Pass.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Emerick, Tracy
Harley, Tina
Janvrin, Jason
Kuttab, Katelyn
Lundgren, David
McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Sweeney, Joe
Tripp, Richard
Verville, Kevin
Weyler, Kenneth

STRAFFORD

Ankarberg, Aidan
Connor, James
Kaczynski, Thomas
Potenza, Kelley

Bailey, Glenn
Granger, Michael
Turcotte, Len

Bickford, David
Harrington, Michael
Newton, Clifford

Burnham, Claudine
Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
Stapleton, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stone, Jonathan

Rollins, Skip

Spilsbury, Walter

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BELKNAP**

Huot, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Buco, Thomas
Woodcock, Stephen

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Monteil, Renee
Tatro, Bruce

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Newell, Jodi
Toll, Amanda

Harvey, Cathryn
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Schapiro, Joe

COOS

Cascadden, Corinne

Kelley, Eamon

Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Sullivan, Jared
Muirhead, Russell

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lovett, Peter
Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Massimilla, Linda
Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
Hoyt, Tommy
Morse, Corinne
Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Aissandra	Nutting-Wong, Allison	Baroody, Benjamin	Beauchemin, Paige
Beaulieu, Jane	Booras, Efsthia	Bouchard, Donald	Bouldin, Amanda
Bradley, Amy	Calabro, Karen	Chretien, Jacqueline	Cornell, Patricia
Ford, Damond	Darby, Will	Devine, Shelley	DiSilvestro, Linda
Dutzy, Sherry	Elberger, Susan	Davis, Fred	Freitas, Mary
Goley, Jeffrey	Gregg, Alicia	Grill, Jessica	Hamer, Heidi
Harriott-Gathright, Linda	Heath, Mary	Herbert, Christopher	Jack, Martin
Jeudy, Jean	Smith, Juliet	Juris, Louis	Foxx, Loren
Lanza, Judi	Leapley, Nicole	LeClerc, Daniel	Leishman, Peter
Lloyd, Christal	Long, Patrick	Howard, Molly	Murray, Megan
MacKenzie, Mark	Mangipudi, Latha	McGhee, Kat	Ming, Ben
Morton, Jennifer	Murphy, Nancy	Nutter-Upham, Frances	O'Brien, Michael
Pedersen, Michael	Petrigno, Peter	Plamondon, Marc	Preece, David
Newman, Ray	Raymond, Heather	Rombeau, Catherine	Rung, Rosemarie
Ryan, Linda	Newman, Sue	Seibert, Christine	Sofikitis, Catherine
Spier, Carry	Staub, Kathy	Telerski, Laura	Tellez, Trinidad
Vail, Suzanne	Veilleux, Daniel	Dolan, William	Thomas, Wendy
Wheeler, Jonah	Wilhelm, Matthew		

MERRIMACK

Turcotte, Alisson	Brennan, Angela	Caplan, Tony	Ebel, Karen
Gallager, Eric	Gibbs, Merryl	Hall, Muriel	Lane, Connie
Luneau, David	MacKay, James	McWilliams, Rebecca	Myler, Mel
Richards, Beth	Roesener, James	Schamberg, Thomas	Schuett, Dianne
Schultz, Kristina	Shurtleff, Steve	Soucy, Timothy	Wallner, Mary Jane

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy	DiLorenzo, Charlotte	Edgar, Michael	Gilman, Julie
Grossman, Gaby	Grote, Jaci	Hamblet, Joan	Haskins, Linda
Murray, Kate	Knab, Allison	Cahill, Michael	Paige, Mark
Maggiore, Jim	Malloy, Dennis	Manos, Zoe	McBeath, Rebecca
Meuse, David	Muns, Chris	Rafter, Hal	Raynolds, Ned
Read, Ellen	Simpson, Alexis	Turer, Eric	Vallone, Mark
Ward, Gerald			

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz	Bixby, Peter	Rich, Cecilia	Cannon, Gerri
Conlin, Bill	Fitzpatrick, Daniel	Smith, Geoffrey	Grassie, Chuck
Howard, Heath	Horriggan, Timothy	Howland, Allan	Kenney, Cam
LaMontagne, Jessica	Levesque, Cassandra	Smith, Marjorie	Schmidt, Peter
Pare, Gail	Selig, Loren	Southworth, Thomas	Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian	Cloutier, John	Damon, Hope	Merchant, Gary
Palmer, William			

and the motion of Ought to Pass was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1370-FN, relative to durable and tamper-proof containers for preserving ballots. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Robert Wherry for the Majority of Election Law. This bill proposes replacing the cardboard boxes that are currently used to hold ballots with dedicated, durable plastic containers that can be readily secured and easily transported. The secure handling and storage of the ballots post-election day is essential for providing assurance that ballots have been properly retained until: (a) the completion of any necessary or requested recounts; (b) the completion of any necessary audits or investigations; and (c) the completion of any state and/or federal requirements for the retention of ballots and related election records. The cardboard boxes currently used for storage are not ergonomically friendly for handling by town and city clerks, and recycled and reused cardboard boxes are not sufficiently durable and stackable as indicated by the collapse of stacked, stored boxes as observed during routine storage, recounts, and audits. Plastic containers will provide ruggedness, better uniformity, and a longer lifespan than the current cardboard boxes. Vote 15-4.

Rep. Heidi Hamer for the Minority of Election Law. This bill would mandate the use of plastic bins to store all ballots for all elections. This bill is a solution in search of a problem. The Secretary of State's office currently supplies custom-sized recyclable cardboard boxes, red security tape, and state seals, which indicate which ballots are in the cardboard boxes. Election officials are required to sign these seals. After a few cycles of placing these sticky seals on plastic bins, they would become an unsightly mess. The Secretary of State told us approximately four thousand of these plastic bins would be required for an election. The use of plastic bins makes this an environmentally unsound bill. The cost for the new plastic containers, locks, and seals cannot be determined at this time. This unfunded mandate would increase the State's general funds start-

ing FY 2025. A locked plastic box does not improve the current cardboard box security, it just makes it look prettier. A simpler way to have “pretty” recyclable cardboard boxes secured correctly with red tape and state seals, would be to have focused State trainings on sealing a box.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass.

On a division vote, with 254 members having voted in the affirmative, and 120 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1557-FN, requiring the secretary of state to enter into a membership agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to enter into a membership agreement with the only secure, bipartisan, long established, reliable, fiscally responsible, nonprofit association of states working together to improve the accuracy of voter checklists. This association detects duplicative voter registrations to prevent illegal fraudulent voting, strengthen election integrity and build voter confidence. If passed the SOS would join the rest of New England states and enter New Hampshire into the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). Committee members in favor of this bill understand that basic data submitted from New Hampshire to the technologically advanced data center is transmitted using one-way cryptographic software to ensure sensitive data is not readable by humans, other states, or hackers, but can only be analyzed through multilayer encryption data matching software to compare records in order to produce reports that flag registrations in need of follow up by our own New Hampshire election officials. The committee heard testimony that ERIC is the best tool available to assist election workers in managing voter rolls and conducting safe, secure, efficient elections, while reducing same-day voter registration, and building voter confidence. Testimony in person and online was overwhelmingly in favor of passing this bill and was consistent with New Hampshire-specific polling conducted in November 2023 that showed strong bipartisan support for joining ERIC. Those in favor of Ought to Pass appreciate the membership requirement that would have the SOS’s office conduct outreach to likely eligible but unregistered voters, in a way the SOS office sought fit, to inform them how to register to vote. In a state that so strongly values civic engagement and voter participation, those in favor of HB 1557 believe this outreach at least once every two years would be beneficial to Granite State voters and election officials.

Rep. Angela Brennan

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill would require the Secretary of State to enter into a membership agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). The dissenting members of the committee have serious concerns about sharing private voter information including last four digits of the social security number, date of birth, driver’s license number, and other sensitive information with an outside organization which would violate Part 1 Art. 2-b of the state constitution, an individual’s right to privacy. If this information was being managed by a third party on a Federal contract, then employees of the company would be required to have federal security clearances and such information would be classified as “Personal Identifiable Information.” ERIC has a history of distributing this information to other parties and releases the information three years after a voter has been deceased. Furthermore, six states including Florida, Missouri, and West Virginia recently revoked their membership citing privacy concerns. The Commonwealth of Kentucky, after signing a letter encouraging New Hampshire to join ERIC, is now leaving as well, showing just how much “support” there is for this system.

Rep. Katelyn Kuttub

Rep. Brennan moved Ought to Pass.

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **HB 1557-FN**, requiring the secretary of state to enter into a membership agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center, be Indefinitely Postponed.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 189 - NAYS 185

YEAS - 189 BELKNAP

Bean, Harry
Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

Bordes, Mike
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Beaudoin, Richard

Coker, Matthew
McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John
Brown, Richard

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Costable, Michael
McConkey, Mark

CHESHIRE

Hunt, John
Thackston, Dick

Qualey, James
Nutting, Zachary

Rhodes, Jennifer

Santonastaso, Matthew

COOS

Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Durkin, Sean

Murphy, Michael

Ouellet, Mike

GRAFTON

Berezhny, Lex
Rochefort, David

Brown, Carroll
Sellers, John

Greeson, Jeffrey
Simon, Matthew

Ladd, Rick

HILLSBOROUGH

Lekas, Alicia
Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Cushman, Leah
Griffin, Gerald
Infantine, William
Lascelles, Richard
McLean, Mark
Panek, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

Abare, Kimberly
King, Bill
Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Kennedy, Stephen
Lewicke, John
Mooney, Maureen
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Ulery, Jordan

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kenny, Catherine
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Wherry, Robert

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Kofalt, Jim
McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, Tony

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hoell, J.R.
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, Dave

Aylward, Deborah
Gerhard, Jason
Mason, James
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

McGuire, Carol
Hill, Gregory
Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Hobson, Deb
Perez, Kristine
Walsh, Lilli
Lynn, Bob
Melvin, Charles
Packard, Sherman
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Sweeney, Joe
Tripp, Richard
Verville, Kevin
Weyler, Kenneth

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Guthrie, Joseph
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Phillips, Emily
Pratt, Kevin
Pearson, Stephen
Sytek, John
True, Chris
Vose, Michael
Yokela, Josh

Brouillard, Jacob
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
Love, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Ford, Oliver
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Cahill, Tim
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Mannion, Dennis
Doucette, Fred
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Schapiro, Joe

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Faulkner, Barry
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Tatro, Bruce

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Newell, Jodi
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 Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
 Hoyt, Tommy
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HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alistandra
 Beaulieu, Jane
 Bradley, Amy
 Ford, Damond
 Dutzy, Sherry
 Goley, Jeffrey
 Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 Jeudy, Jean
 Lanza, Judi
 Lloyd, Christal
 MacKenzie, Mark
 Morton, Jennifer
 Pedersen, Michael
 Newman, Ray
 Ryan, Linda
 Spier, Carry
 Vail, Suzanne
 Wheeler, Jonah

Nutting-Wong, Allison
 Booras, Efstathia
 Calabro, Karen
 Darby, Will
 Elberger, Susan
 Gregg, Alicia
 Heath, Mary
 Smith, Juliet
 Leapley, Nicole
 Long, Patrick
 Mangipudi, Latha
 Murphy, Nancy
 Petrigno, Peter
 Raymond, Heather
 Newman, Sue
 Staub, Kathy
 Veilleux, Daniel
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Baroody, Benjamin
 Bouchard, Donald
 Chretien, Jacqueline
 Devine, Shelley
 Davis, Fred
 Grill, Jessica
 Herbert, Christopher
 Juris, Louis
 LeClerc, Daniel
 Howard, Molly
 McGhee, Kat
 Nutter-Upham, Frances
 Plamondon, Marc
 Rombeau, Catherine
 Seibert, Christine
 Telerski, Laura
 Dolan, William

Beauchemin, Paige
 Bouldin, Amanda
 Cornell, Patricia
 DiSilvestro, Linda
 Freitas, Mary
 Hamer, Heidi
 Jack, Martin
 Fogg, Loren
 Leishman, Peter
 Murray, Megan
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 O'Brien, Michael
 Preece, David
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 Ebel, Karen
 Lane, Connie
 Myler, Mel
 Schamberg, Thomas
 Soucy, Timothy

Brennan, Angela
 Gallager, Eric
 Luneau, David
 Richards, Beth
 Schuett, Dianne
 Wallner, Mary Jane

Caplan, Tony
 Gibbs, Merryl
 MacKay, James
 Roesener, James
 Schultz, Kristina
 Wolf, Dan

Carey, Lorrie
 Hall, Muriel
 McWilliams, Rebecca
 Gould, Sherry
 Shurtleff, Steve

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
 Grossman, Gaby
 Murray, Kate
 Maggiore, Jim
 Meuse, David
 Read, Ellen
 Ward, Gerald

DiLorenzo, Charlotte
 Grote, Jaci
 Knab, Allison
 Malloy, Dennis
 Muns, Chris
 Simpson, Alexis

Edgar, Michael
 Hamblet, Joan
 Cahill, Michael
 Manos, Zoe
 Rafter, Hal
 Turer, Eric

Gilman, Julie
 Haskins, Linda
 Paige, Mark
 McBeath, Rebecca
 Reynolds, Ned
 Vallone, Mark

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Bay, Luz
 Conlin, Bill
 Howard, Heath
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Pare, Gail

Bixby, Peter
 Fitzpatrick, Daniel
 Horrigan, Timothy
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Selig, Loren

Rich, Cecilia
 Smith, Geoffrey
 Howland, Allan
 Smith, Marjorie
 Southworth, Thomas

Cannon, Gerri
 Grassie, Chuck
 Kenney, Cam
 Schmidt, Peter
 Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
 Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

and the motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D**HB 1569-FN**, relative to eliminating voter identification exceptions. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: Most New Hampshire voters would be stunned to know that we do not require an ID to vote in a New Hampshire election. Despite the overwhelming popularity of the requirement to show an ID when voting, New Hampshire has left its laws wide open, presenting a system that allows for a free-for-all on election day. While we have made strides in returning to a system that balances access to the ballot with ensuring we have a process voters can believe in, one glaring absence has remained: not requiring an ID when voting and registering to vote. In recent polling, even 50% of registered Democrats support showing an ID when registering to vote and casting a ballot. An affidavit system is ridiculous on face value. It is little more than a signature on a piece of paper where someone pinky-promises they are telling the truth. This "system" has been abused, such as when an appointed Ballot Inspector in West Lebanon voted, then went to

their car, put on a blonde wig, and came in a registered to vote and cast a ballot as a fictitious woman. Did New Hampshire's "gold standard" of elections stop this? No. We only caught them because they attempted to, weeks later, get a drivers license. The vast majority of states require an ID when voting and registering to vote and it is past time that New Hampshire accept that if you need an ID to board a plane, buy cold medicine, drive a car, purchase a firearm, drink a beer at a bar, open a bank account, rent a hotel room, pick up packages from the USPS, and enter certain government buildings, then you should need an ID to vote.

Rep. Ross Berry

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill fundamentally changes the voter registration process in New Hampshire at the cost of preventing thousands of people from voting by eliminating the opportunity to execute an affidavit in lieu of photo identification. Under this bill, everybody who registers to vote will need to present a birth certificate, passport (which costs over a hundred dollars and takes 10-12 weeks to get), or naturalization papers. Based on data provided to the committee, if this law had been in effect in 2022, up to 3,000 New Hampshire voters may not have been able to register and vote. Now in 2024, that number will be much higher because of the Presidential election, meaning even more people could be disenfranchised. As of April 2022, the Attorney General's office has not brought a single enforcement action for wrongful voting in the 2020 September and November elections where more than one million votes were cast. This bill also expands the ability for voter challenges to disqualify people from voting without adequate safeguards or adequate due process. Any registered voter can challenge the eligibility of someone who is attempting to register on election day. The challenge is decided under the lowest burden of proof in the law—preponderance of the evidence—virtually guaranteeing that there will be people prevented from voting who are in fact eligible. Opponents of the bill feel that the legislation will encourage challenges and the remedy is inadequate in light of the denial of the right to vote by the person challenged. A similar Kansas law that required registrants to provide this proof of citizenship was struck down by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2020, and we can expect this law will meet the same fate. Opponents of the bill do not want to encourage more litigation. The last time a law was passed like this—SB 3—the state ended up paying over \$4,000,000 in legal fees.

Rep. Heath Howard

Rep. Berry moved Ought to Pass.

Rep. Howard spoke against.

Rep. Wherry spoke in favor.

Rep. Hoell requested a roll call; not sufficiently seconded.

On a division vote, with 189 members having voted in the affirmative, and 185 in the negative, the motion of Ought to Pass was adopted and the bill was ordered to third reading.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Sweeney moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a roll call vote of 191-181, the House adopted the motion of Ought to Pass on **HB 1369**, relative to the verification of voter rolls every 4 years.

Rep. Sweeney spoke against.

On a division vote, with 185 members having voted in the affirmative, and 189 in the negative, the motion failed.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Sweeney moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a division vote of 189-185, the House adopted the motion of Ought to Pass on **HB 1569-FN**, relative to eliminating voter identification exceptions.

Rep. Sweeney spoke against.

On a division vote, with 186 members having voted in the affirmative, and 188 in the negative, the motion failed.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Sellers moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a roll call vote of 186-179, the House adopted the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate on **HB 1029**, relative to exempting certain persons from requiring a New Hampshire landing license if such persons are not landing for the purpose of the sale of the lobster or crab they have caught.

Rep. Sellers spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 179 members having voted in the affirmative, and 193 in the negative, the motion failed.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1252, relative to establishing a committee to study the needs of Native Americans in New Hampshire. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill establishes a study committee to investigate state recognition of Native Americans. Testimony from indigenous peoples, the Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum and the commissioner of the Commission on Native American Affairs were in support of the bill. Vote 14-2.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.
Committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

SB 395, relative to establishing the position of assistant commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter Leishman for the Majority of Finance. The majority of the Finance Committee supports the passage of SB 395. This bill simply corrects an oversight in the FY24-FY25 budget that did not include language for a new assistant commissioner at the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food. Since the funds for this new position were included in the budget, there will be no financial impact to the FY24-FY25 budget with the passage of SB 395. Vote 20-2.

Rep. J.R. Hoell for the Minority of Finance. This bill adds a new commissioner level position with a salary range of GG: \$87,373 - \$121,751 and this does not include the additional overhead costs. The Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food stated during his testimony that he has filled the six open positions over the last few years and the department is either at full employment or missing just one person. When other departments are having trouble hiring staff, it is unusual that this department is almost fully staffed. The minority felt that adding a third commissioner level position in a department of about 45 people was excessive and we could better spend our limited state resources in other places. If the department needs additional field staff, the department should put this in the budget request for next year.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass.

Rep. Potenza spoke against.

On a division vote, with 213 members having voted in the affirmative, and 136 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1231, permitting qualifying patients and designated caregivers to cultivate cannabis for therapeutic use. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Joe Schapiro for the Majority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill, as amended, will permit qualifying patients and/or designated caregivers, aged 21 and older with no previous felony convictions, to cultivate cannabis for therapeutic use under the Therapeutic Cannabis Program. Each patient will be permitted to possess eight ounces of usable cannabis, three mature plants, three immature plants, and twelve seedlings. The bill outlines safety and security requirements for home-grow sites including reporting of sites to the Therapeutic Cannabis Program and allows the Alternative Treatment Centers to sell a limited number of seedlings to program participants. Caregivers will be allowed to cultivate plants for one patient only. The amendment as adopted fixes the date for reporting cultivation locations and removes a section giving those who are in the process of applying, but who have yet to receive their final registry ID card, an affirmative defense related to potential criminal charges. Vote 15-4.

Rep. David Nagel for the Minority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The minority recommends this bill be found Inexpedient to Legislate. We recognize that the State of New Hampshire has recognized the value of medical cannabis to treat a variety of medical illnesses. Unfortunately, the system, as created, provides limited access due to cost of product and limited access to distribution centers. As a result, too many patients either obtain their drugs illegally, which creates a potential public health hazard, or they go across state lines to obtain cannabis at a substantially lower price. Either practice threatens the viability of the therapeutic cannabis program in New Hampshire and the viability of the Alternative Treatment Centers (ATCs). This bill is an attempt to address both cost and access. While the minority recognizes the need to address these concerns, we do not believe homegrown product is the right approach. The purpose of a pharmaceutical product is that it provides a reliable dosage of the active ingredient while minimizing the presence of harmful contaminants to maximize efficacy and minimize harm. Having toured cultivation centers and met with the horticulturalists on-site, one comes to understand the innumerable factors involved in creating a medically reliable product, including light, moisture, time of harvest, technique of harvest, technique of ingestion, etc. In coming to understand the challenges PhD level horticulturalists have in creating a reliable product, it is unlikely that an amateur could succeed. It is our belief that one of the roles of government in regulating the pharmaceutical industry is to ensure public safety, and it is unlikely this could occur in this setting. We also believe that by working with current system of ATCs, we can improve the cost/access balance without relying on homegrown product.

Majority Amendment (0887h)

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 126-X:2, II-a as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II-a. Except as provided in RSA 126-X:3, VII(b), a qualifying patient or designated caregiver who has reported to the department a cultivation location that meets the requirements of this chapter, shall not be subject to arrest by state or local law enforcement, prosecution or penalty under state or municipal law, or denied any right or privilege for the therapeutic use of cannabis in accordance with this chapter, if, at the cultivation location, while transporting cannabis and cannabis plants and seedlings to a new cultivation

location that has been reported to the department within the prior 21 days, or while transporting cannabis seedlings from an alternative treatment center to the cultivation location, the qualifying patient or designated caregiver possesses or cultivates an amount of cannabis that does not exceed the following:

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 126-X:4, XIII(a) as inserted by section 13 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

XIII.(a) No later than December 1, 2024, the department shall allow existing and new qualifying patients and designated caregivers to report a cultivation location provided that:

Amend the bill by replacing section 14 with the following:

14 Use of Therapeutic Cannabis; Affirmative Defense. Amend RSA 126-X:5, I to read as follows:

I. It shall be an affirmative defense for any person charged with manufacturing, possessing, having under his or her control, selling, purchasing, prescribing, administering, transporting, or possessing with intent to sell, dispense, or compound cannabis, cannabis analog, or any preparation containing cannabis, if:

(a) The actor is a qualifying patient who has been issued a valid registry identification card, was in possession of cannabis in a quantity and location permitted pursuant to this chapter, and was engaged in the therapeutic use of cannabis;

(b) The actor is a designated caregiver who has been issued a valid registry identification card, was in possession of cannabis in a quantity and location permitted pursuant to this chapter, and was engaged in the therapeutic use of cannabis on behalf of a qualifying patient; or

(c) The actor is an employee of a laboratory conducting testing required for alternative treatment centers pursuant to rules adopted under this chapter ***or that tests cannabis provided to it by qualifying patients and designated caregivers.***

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 294 - NAYS 66

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McConkey, Mark

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MacDonald, John
Peternel, Katy

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Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Jones, Philip
Santonastaso, Matthew
Toll, Amanda

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Monteil, Renee
Schapiro, Joe
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Filiault, Shaun
Newell, Jodi
Tatro, Bruce
Nutting, Zachary

Fox, Dru
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius
Thackston, Dick

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King, Seth

Kelley, Eamon

Murphy, Michael

Noël, Henry

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Almy, Susan
Cormen, Thomas
Hoyt, Tommy
Morse, Corinne
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Davis, Fred
Gregg, Alicia
Healey, Robert
Judy, Jean

Murray, Alissandra
Baroody, Benjamin
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Kelley, Diane
Dutzy, Sherry
Freitas, Mary
Grill, Jessica
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet

Nutting-Wong, Allison
Beaulieu, Jane
Bradley, Amy
Cornell, Patricia
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Griffin, Gerald
Hamer, Heidi
Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
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Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Kennedy, Stephen

Kofalt, Jim
Leapley, Nicole
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Petrigno, Peter
Preece, David
Raymond, Heather
Ryan, Linda
Sirois, Shane
Lekas, Tony
Ulery, Jordan
Thomas, Wendy

Foxx, Loren
LeClerc, Daniel
Long, Patrick
Mangipudi, Latha
Ming, Ben
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Plamondon, Marc
Proulx, Mark
Reid, Karen
Newman, Sue
Sofikitis, Catherine
Mannion, Tom
Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, Jonah

Lanza, Judi
Leishman, Peter
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Morton, Jennifer
Pauer, Diane
Plett, Fred
Prout, Andrew
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Spier, Carry
Telerski, Laura
Veilleux, Daniel
Wherry, Robert

Lascelles, Richard
Lewicke, John
Murray, Megan
McGough, Tim
Murphy, Nancy
Pedersen, Michael
Post, Lisa
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Rung, Rosemarie
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Tellez, Trinidad
Dolan, William
Wilhelm, Matthew

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Turcotte, Alisson
Cambrils, Jose
Gallager, Eric
Hill, Gregory
Luneau, David
Myler, Mel
Boyd, Stephen
Shurtleff, Steve
Wolf, Dan

Aures, Cyril
Caplan, Tony
Gerhard, Jason
Hoell, J.R.
MacKay, James
Polozov, Yury
Schuett, Dianne
Soucy, Timothy

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McGuire, Dan
Gibbs, Merryl
Lane, Connie
McWilliams, Rebecca
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kristina
Testerman, Dave

McGuire, Carol
Ebel, Karen
Hall, Muriel
Leavitt, John
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Roesener, James
Seaworth, Brian
Wallner, Mary Jane

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Murray, Kate
Knab, Allison
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Meuse, David
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Raynolds, Ned
Spillane, James
Turer, Eric
Wallace, Scott

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Manos, Zoe
Milz, David
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Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Simpson, Alexis
Sytek, John
Verville, Kevin
Yokela, Josh

Thomas, Douglas
Edgar, Michael
Gilman, Julie
Hamblet, Joan
Janigian, John
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Love, David
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Melvin, Charles
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Soti, Julius
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Smith, Marjorie
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Vandecasteele, Susan

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Spilsbury, Walter

and the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HR 25, resolving to return to the historical intent of the express trust indenture, the New Hampshire Constitution, specifically Part 1, Article 11 and Part 2, Article 32. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Nikki McCarter for Legislative Administration. The committee heard extensive testimony of the goals of the sponsor(s). Unfortunately, the goals did not match the form of the presentation. The sponsors clearly intended to file a House and Senate Concurrent Resolution rather than just a House Resolution. It was clear from the language of the resolution this was their aim. Regardless, the testimony mirrored the complaints of the plaintiff in a current New Hampshire Supreme Court appeal. At issue is the belief that absentee ballot counting machines were inappropriately allowed to be used by cities and towns in New Hampshire and are therefore unconstitutional. In addition, the sponsors also take issue with the manner by which absentee ballot qualifications were liberalized and suggest that, too, was unconstitutional. The Rockingham County Superior Court judge in *Richard v. Goonan* was crystal clear in his decision that the legislature acted appropriately and ruled for the defendants. It is the belief of the majority of this committee the New Hampshire Supreme Court will uphold the lower court ruling. The unanimous recommendation of Interim Study will provide the committee ample time to allow the court to reach their decision and at that time perhaps additional legislation will be recommended. Vote 15-0.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Refer for Interim Study.
Committee report was adopted.

HB 1326-FN, relative to notification processes for large groundwater withdrawal applications. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Will Darby for the Majority of Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill would require written notification of hearings for large groundwater withdrawal applications to property owners within a larger than twelve square mile area. It would further require the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to conduct and pay for well testing and monitoring on these properties. The bill's fiscal note reported costs associated with testing and monitoring could exceed \$10 million per year. But other serious concerns were raised during testimony regarding additional costs and delays to the permitting process resulting from the notifications. This would increase the expense of the large groundwater withdrawal permitting process, which currently is often \$200,000 to \$300,000 to municipalities, however, municipalities make the majority of these requests. The rationale for the area of notification, a 10,500-foot radius, is also unclear because it has no statistical or hydrographical basis. In addition, notifications are currently required in two newspapers and two locations in the municipality. While physical newspaper distribution is dwindling, their online presence and reach continues to inform communities with the added benefit of individuals linking to these notices on social media to increase awareness. This notification approach continues to work as demonstrated by a recent public hearing on this matter with over 100 attendees. Vote 17-3.

Rep. Andrew Renzullo for the Minority of Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill requires notice of a public meeting requested during the consideration of an application for large ground water withdrawal. The bill, as submitted, required notification of all owners or residents within a 10,500 sq ft radius of the project and well testing for those notified. Prior to the executive session, the sponsors of the bill submitted two amendments which changed the radius to 5000 sq ft, deleted the well testing requirement, and made the mailed notification be by post card to save money. Unfortunately, the ITL passed before the amendments could be brought forward. The minority of the committee feels the amendments transformed the bill into solely a notification bill which is needed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.
Majority committee report was adopted.

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)
REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1156, relative to public health, safety, and state sovereignty. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass with Amendment: Committee members supporting this measure believe the bill provides critical preemptive protection against extra-national organizations attempting to impose binding health policies onto Granite Staters via overreaching international protocols. The bill, as amended, restricts state and local entities from justifying health measures by solely citing the World Health Organization as a reference. We believe testimony raised concerns about potential Chinese Communist Party influence over, or even complete capture of, the World Health Organization (WHO). Examples were provided of dubious COVID-19 recommendations that created lasting damage— everything from delayed preventative health care to massive setbacks in education for our children.

Rep. Tom Mannion

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: Although the amendment to this bill, which eliminated mention of the CDC (Center for Disease Control) from the original bill, was an improvement, this measure still seeks to discourage New Hampshire entities from citing WHO (World Health Organization) guidance, recommendations or requirements in dealing with future health issues. Information currently indicates that while the WHO might urge members to take certain actions, it has no authority over a sovereign nation's healthcare policies or programs. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

Rep. Linda Massimilla

Rep. Tom Mannion moved Ought to Pass and offered amendment (0582h).

Amendment (0582h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 World Health Organization; Jurisdiction. The World Health Organization shall have no jurisdiction in New Hampshire. The state and its political subdivisions, including, but not limited to counties, cities, towns, precincts, water districts, school districts, school administrative units, or quasi-public entities, shall not engage in the enforcement of, or any collaboration with the enforcement of, any requirements, mandates, or instructions provided by this organization. Furthermore, any requirements, mandates, or instructions by this organization shall not be used in this state to justify any mask, vaccine, or medical testing requirements and shall have no force or effect in New Hampshire.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that the World Health Organization shall have no jurisdiction in New Hampshire.

The question being adoption of amendment (0582h).

On a division vote, with 158 members having voted in the affirmative, and 173 in the negative, amendment (0582h) failed.

The question now being adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass.

Rep. Filiault spoke against.

Rep. Belcher spoke in favor.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Spillane moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a division vote of 158-173, the House failed to adopt amendment (0582h) on **HB 1156**, relative to public health, safety, and state sovereignty.

Rep. Spillane spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 178 members having voted in the affirmative, and 193 in the negative, the motion failed.

The question now being adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass.

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Merchant, Gary

and the motion of Ought to Pass failed.

Rep. Massimilla moved Inexpedient to Legislate.

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Weber moved that **HB 1156**, relative to public health, safety, and state sovereignty, be Indefinitely Postponed.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Hoell moved that **HB 1156**, relative to public health, safety, and state sovereignty, be laid on the table.

On a division vote, with 186 members having voted in the affirmative, and 185 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HR 23, calling upon the New Hampshire congressional delegation to support a national, universal health insurance program. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This resolution calls on our federal delegation to support a universal, national health insurance program. The status of health insurance in our country puts all the burden of the high-risk population (everyone with a disability, the indigent, and the elderly) on public insurance, while granting the low-risk pool (the healthy working adult and their children) a lucrative arrangement in the private sector that is not sustainable. If we combined risk pools, like every other country in the world, we would have enough money to guarantee more comprehensive care for our seniors that includes long-term care. Currently, millions of people still lack insurance coverage, particularly gig workers and those who earn too much for Medicaid, and not enough to reasonably afford premiums. Private insurance also “manages care” to maximize profits, not to achieve the best outcomes. We heard testimony from medical doctors and patients who, even with health insurance, face barriers to treatment and financial hardship. Our current system with high deductibles and insurance networks has created a primary care crisis: a lack of primary care doctors and too many people going to emergency rooms as a last resort. With a universal system, it is the doctor and patient who determine care. It is not socialized medicine, merely insurance. It was pointed out that the current system does not represent a free market. If you have employer-provided insurance, it’s your company who picks the plan, not you. The government-administered “marketplace” has limited options for New Hampshire residents. A universal system would eliminate the need for poverty-only government health insurance, which is expensive to administer. We heard no testimony in opposition to the resolution, and online support was 84 to 4 in support. We cannot fix this problem in New Hampshire alone, and we need a national solution.

Rep. Christine Seibert

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: A fair distinction was made during testimony regarding the difference between socialized medicine and a national health insurance program. While the many shortcomings in our current systems were noted, serious concerns also exist with regard to going to a national insurance “single payer” mode. Other countries which have instituted such policies have experienced numerous problems and unintended consequences regarding the delivery of health care services, so much so that many foreigners come to America from such countries in search of care that is easier to access under our current system than it is under their single-payer or nationalized health programs. A doctor, who is also a committee member, described first-hand the problems he saw with this resolution. Fair questions were also raised as to the eligibility of non-citizens or those here illegally under the proposed national health plan. Also, many citizens are very happy with their current arrangements. The shortcomings in our present system certainly need attention but there are ways to improve things short of a dramatic conversion to a national, universal health care system.

Rep. Michael Moffett

Rep. Seibert moved Ought to Pass.

Rep. Moffett spoke against.

Rep. LaMontagne spoke in favor.

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **HR 23**, calling upon the New Hampshire congressional delegation to support a national, universal health insurance program, be Indefinitely Postponed.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas**SULLIVAN**Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

and the motion was adopted.

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Beauchemin moved that the debate on **HR 23**, calling upon the New Hampshire congressional delegation to support a national, universal health insurance program, be printed in the Permanent Journal. Without objection, the speaker ordered.

DEBATE ON HR 25

Speaker Packard: Rep. Seibert moves Ought to Pass. The Chair recognizes Rep. Moffett.

Representative Moffett: Thank you, Mister Speaker. To be sure our American healthcare system needs improvements. We spend far too much per capita than any other country and there are certainly policies and efficiencies that we need to look at. There are certainly gaps in coverage. We know that. We can do better, but a single payer national health insurance the best way to go? Just look at the countries that have that, that have gone there. Some have had experiences better than others, but all too often they end up with lower quality healthcare, especially if healthcare providers receive inadequate reimbursement. Also, under said systems,

people lose their choices, choices. They lose choice when they go to single payer in these other countries. A lack of competition and a lack of choice, lessens the pressures on providers to perform or to innovate. Rationing is commonplace in many of these countries. We just have to look where this has been tried and what's happened time and time again. We've all heard the horror stories, and they are real, of people who died in these other countries waiting for treatment because they couldn't get scheduled. Tellingly, countless people from other countries with national health insurance come to America. They come here from these other countries that have national insurance and they are in line and can't get help for important treatments, they come here. With our current open borders, we have millions of people busting in here and overwhelming what we currently have in terms of emergency room treatment. Yet, many of the proponents of national health insurance want to include undocumented migrants in this plan. That is a sure way to overwhelm what is already a system that is stressed. So, poll after poll shows a majority of Americans to be satisfied with the plans they have in place. I am and probably most of you are. So why do we want to change that drastically? Like I said, things need attention, but we need to revamp. We don't need to replace our current healthcare structure. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. LaMontagne.

Representative LaMontagne: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Good afternoon, my fellow members of the House. I rise in support of HR 23 calling on our federal delegation to support a national universal health insurance program. Our complicated, wasteful healthcare system is a catastrophe. We spend more on healthcare per capita than any country on earth and have the worst health outcomes. It's true what is said that people come from all over the world to access American healthcare, but wealthy people paying cash for the best doctors in the world is not the same thing as people coming here to buy private health insurance. They don't. Opponents of the resolution state that many citizens are happy with their current arrangements. No one testified at the hearing that they love their private health insurance. On the contrary, we heard many stories of necessary healthcare being denied and being too expensive. Two members of the committee who said they were happy with their health insurance actually have national government run single payer health insurance. That would be TRICARE and Medicare. Yes, people on those plans are very happy with it. With single payer you can go to any provider you want, private, public or non profit. People ask how can we afford a national health insurance program? But the real question is how can we afford not to have one? The crux of the matter is that we have two separate risk pools for health insurance. One is the low-risk pool, the healthy working adult population and their children. Few of whom have any major medical problems or expenses. The other is the high-risk pool. Who's in that pool? Everyone with a disability, they are automatically on Medicare. Any child with a major medical problem is automatically on the CHIP program regardless of their income level. All the poor, they are on Medicaid. And most importantly, the elderly. They are on Medicare who as a group have the highest health cost and the highest prescription drug cost of any other group. So, the private sector has the luxury of insuring the low-risk pool and making huge profits at it. But the government is tasked with insuring the high-risk pool. Most of us are going to pay private health insurance for 50 years. Our entire working lives we are going to pay in to that year after year and not one penny of that money goes into the pool to take care of us when we are old. We hit 65 and we are dropped like a hot potato and have to go on Medicare. So, I ask you how is this sustainable? How can the government possibly keep that up? You want to cut national debt? Have national health insurance and we all increase our contribution from the 2 to 3% we already pay to 5%. That would be much less expensive for you and your employer who are now paying 12 to 20% of every salary and to private health insurance. If we combined risk pools like every other country in the world, we could afford to provide long term care insurance for the elderly who need it. As it is now, ordinary, working- and middle-class people who have the misfortune of prolonged age-related disability or dementia are forced to spend their entire life savings, sell their homes, leave nothing for their children, just to pay for their long-term care. That is because we have allowed private insurance companies to profit from insuring them their entire working lives and contribute nothing for their care then they are old. A national health insurance plan would allow us to have long term care for our seniors and we would no longer need Medicare supplements or the awful advantage plans. We need to do it and it must be done at the federal level which is why this is a House Resolution. Aside from the elderly, what's in it for young people? Personal freedom is one reason I am in favor of a national health insurance plan. You could pursue the job you love, not just a job that has benefits. You could start a small business without worrying about how you are going to have health insurance for yourself, let alone your employees. Single payer would easily provide insurance for gig workers who are often the one's who have no insurance. Instead of bargaining over health plans, unions could focus on better wages, working conditions and retirement plans. Single payer would also benefit manufacturers who are trying to compete with companies in other countries. In fact, almost every other country in the world where companies do not have to pay for insurance for their employees. It would make us more competitive in the global economy. But let's be clear, we do not have a free market in health insurance. We don't have choice. If you get coverage through your job your employer picks the plan. You don't have any say about it. And if you buy it through the marketplace, you really only have one option. Providers are severely restricted by networks. You can't choose which doctor you go to. Your insurance plan chooses that for you.

Also, why isn't Medicaid expansion enough? Why do we need single payer? I don't like the Medicaid program. Don't misunderstand me, I would never vote to take it away from anyone until we have another option. But Medicaid entails enormous administrative cost to screen for income and you have to keep doing it over and over again. It's also tedious to apply for it and that's a barrier to participation and it's a literal barrier to access because many doctors simply won't accept Medicaid patients. It's a disincentive to work or an incentive to work under the table because if you start to make a little more money, you're going to lose your insurance. If we opened up Medicare for all for example, we could do away with Medicaid all together and save a lot of money. Medicare and TRICARE are national government run single payer healthcare systems and they work very well. They are more efficient than private insurance companies that have an overhead of 17 to 20%. Most importantly, it will allow us to prioritize reimbursement for primary care, which the private insurance market does not do, which is why we have a crisis of primary care in this country. My husband's doctor retired last year. It took him four months to find a doctor that was even accepting new patients for primary care and the first appointment he could get is still eight months away. So, the other important thing about a national insurance program would mean managed care could be about providing best medical practices and not just maximizing shareholder profits. This is not socialized medicine. It is just the insurance. You can still go to whatever doctor you want to. It will cost the State of New Hampshire nothing and as for illegal immigrants. If you don't have a social security card, you wouldn't get a national insurance card either. So, I urge you all to vote Ought to Pass on this resolution and I ask for a division vote.

Speaker Packard: For what reason does the member rise?

Representative Sweeney: Mister Speaker, I move Indefinite Postponement on HR 23 and I ask for a roll call vote.

Speaker Packard: Rep. Sweeney moves Indefinite Postponement on HR 23 and asks for a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The motion before us is Indefinite Postponement of HR 23. This is a going to be a roll call vote. If you are in favor, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you'll press the red button. The Chair recognizes Rep. Lloyd for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Lloyd: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that most Granite Staters would be unable to afford or even severely setback by needing to pay nearly \$7,000 or more a year to their employer's choice of high deductible medical plan in addition to already paying copays and premiums. And if I know under our current system, year after year these same Granite Staters have seen an increase in cost while at the very same time seeing a decrease in benefit coverage. And if I also know that we as a country are fully capable of figuring out a unique system that works for us regardless of what other countries have already done. And finally, Mister Speaker, if I know that preventative healthcare has been shown to not only lengthen lives, but also decrease healthcare costs over time, would I press the red button to overturn this Indefinite Postponement motion and allow another motion to be made so that hopefully New Hampshire can send a strongly worded message to our federal government that our state expects a solution to be found? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Lundgren for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Lundgren: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, I know that in other countries with national health insurance that folks have ended up receiving lower quality healthcare when providers receive inadequate reimbursements for their costs. And if I know that the folks from such countries often end up traveling to American for healthcare. And if I know that a majority of Americans are satisfied with their current healthcare plans and I know that I am a doctor who's spent many times, many years, excuse me, dealing with healthcare administrations, that I would press the green button to Indefinitely Postpone? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is Indefinite Postponement on HR 23. This is a roll call vote. If you are in favor, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations will be open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had the opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. Members need to be in their seats. 192 voting Yea, 179 voting Nay Indefinite Postponement passed on HR 23.

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HR 26, urging Congress to adopt a constitutional amendment to distinguish between corporate and individual rights. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This resolution does not seek an Article V Convention to address the distinction between corporate and individual rights. It simply instructs our federal representatives to propose a constitutional amendment confirming that human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights. It also states that regulating political contributions and spending does not constitute limiting political speech, since money is not speech.

Rep. Linda Massimilla

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: Committee members supporting this resolution incorrectly state in section II that "money is not speech." This is contrary to the Supreme Court ruling in *Citizens United v. FEC*. In the marketplace of ideas, messaging attempts should not be restricted by government. Citizens should not be prohibited from spending money or resources to advance any perspective. Any such infringement

would have a chilling effect, in essence introducing federal censorship controls into political discourse. With recent mass censorship campaigns occurring nationwide in recent years, we've already seen the dangers of government speech interference. Thus, half of the committee opposes this resolution which would be contrary to the letter and spirit of our 1st Amendment.

Rep. Tom Mannion

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **HR 26**, urging Congress to adopt a constitutional amendment to distinguish between corporate and individual rights, be Indefinitely Postponed.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
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Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
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Durkin, Sean

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Ouellet, Mike

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Simon, Matthew

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Mannion, Tom

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and the motion was adopted.

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HR 27, calling for policymakers locally and nationally to fully consider all relevant information and factors pertaining to climate change before pursuing courses of action that could adversely affect any economy or environment. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Michael Moffett for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. Supporters of this measure testified as to their concerns that climate policies are being overly influenced by extremist activists. Numerous examples were given of doomsday predictions that proved to be utterly false and were thus poor rationales for subsequent laws or regulations. Currently, for example, numerous proposals have been made nationally to mandate electric buses, outlaw gas stoves or automobiles, impose carbon taxes, or require our military to use extremely expensive organic fuel. Two terms ago, a measure came to the floor of this House calling for wood stoves to be banned in New Hampshire. Scientists and academics describe being pressured and coerced into supporting extreme climate policies at odds with their science. Extreme activism can have a corrupting influence on academic processes. Dr. Frederick Sietz, former head of the United States National Academy of Sciences, wrote: "In more than 60 years as a member of the scientific community, I have never witnessed a more disturbing corruption of the peer review process than the events that now shape climate change reports." Sponsors of this measure believe that reasoned discourse is essential to developing effective bipartisan approaches to address environmental issues. This resolution simply supports the notion that relevant voices and perspectives should not be suppressed in developing so-called "climate policy." Vote 10-8.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.

Rep. Seibert spoke against.

Rep. Moffett spoke in favor.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Massimilla moved that **HR 27**, calling for policymakers locally and nationally to fully consider all relevant information and factors pertaining to climate change before pursuing courses of action that could adversely affect any economy or environment, be laid on the table.

Rep. Hoell requested a roll call; not sufficiently seconded.

On a division vote, with 187 members having voted in the affirmative, and 185 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HCR 9, rescinding the application to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention pursuant to the terms of Article V of the United States Constitution. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Tom Mannion for the Majority of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. The majority voted ITL on HCR9, which would have rescinded 2012's HCR 40, an application to a Convention of States for the exclusive purpose of drafting a balanced budget amendment. Of all the Article V applications, this application to draft an amendment has never been more important. The United States has reached \$34 trillion in debt, and each passing year sees budgets requiring more and more borrowing. Interest on the debt is the fastest growing portion of federal spending and will soon reach a tipping point where repayment on debts will be impossible without crippling tax hikes and massive spending cuts. As such, the majority supported ITL on HCR 9, to maintain our application for a balanced budget amendment. Vote 14-6.

Rep. Christine Seibert for the Minority of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This resolution proposes the rescission of HCR 40, adopted in 2012, requesting that Congress call an Article V Constitutional Convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the US Constitution requiring, with certain exceptions, that for each fiscal year, the President submit, and Congress adopt, a balanced federal budget. The minority disagrees with the premise in the original 2012 HCR for the convention, and also has grave concerns about the procedures governing an Article V convention. First, the minority disagrees that a convention should be held to adopt an amendment to the US Constitution requiring a balanced amendment. The minority believes that such an amendment will hurt the economy, undercut Social Security, Medicare,

and other programs with reserves, and raise profound enforcement questions. Next, the minority does not favor utilizing an Article V Constitutional Convention until there is clarity on how a convention's rules and procedures are to be set. The minority prefers that Congress first establish procedures for amending the Constitution by the national constitutional convention method. Failing to deal with the uncertainties of the convention method is courting a constitutional crisis. Other critical issues to be resolved before we adopt any resolution calling for an Article V convention are: Must Congress call an Article V convention if 34 states properly ask for one? If called, are the limitations on scope binding on the convention? What constitutes a valid application to Congress and who is the judge of that? How long are applications valid? Can they be rescinded? What powers does Congress have relative to the scope of the convention, procedures for selection of delegates, and must it submit the amendments to the states for ratification? What are the roles of the President and the governors, if any? Are issues arising at the convention justiciable? Does each state have one vote, the number of its electoral votes, or another number based on population? For these reasons, the minority opposes the Inexpedient to Legislate motion.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Reps. Granger and Seibert spoke against.

Rep. Tom Mannion spoke in favor.

Rep. Yokela requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Ulery, Jordan

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Gorski, Ted
Lewicke, John
Plamondon, Marc
Prout, Andrew
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Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Perez, Kristine
Layon, Erica
McMahon, Charles
Phillips, Emily
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Tripp, Richard
Verville, Kevin
Yokela, Josh

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Turcotte, LenConnor, James
Newton, CliffordHarrington, Michael
Phinney, BrandonKaczynski, Thomas
Potenza, Kelley**SULLIVAN**

Drye, Margaret

Rollins, Skip

Smith, Steven

Spilsbury, Walter

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Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Varney, PeterComtois, Barbara
McCarter, NikkiDumais, Russell
Beaudoin, RichardHuot, David
St. Clair, Charlie**CARROLL**Belcher, Mike
Paige, DavidBuco, Thomas
Smith, JonathanBurroughs, Anita
McAleer, ChrisCordelli, Glenn
Woodcock, Stephen**CHESHIRE**Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Jones, Philip
Qualey, James
Tatro, BruceAmes, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Monteil, Renee
Rhodes, Jennifer
Thackston, DickHarvey, Cathryn
Filiault, Shaun
Newell, Jodi
Santonastaso, Matthew
Toll, AmandaFox, Dru
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius
Schapiro, Joe
Weber, Lucy**COOS**

Davis, Arnold

Cascadden, Corinne

Kelley, Eamon

Noël, Henry

GRAFTONAlmy, Susan
Cormen, Thomas
Hoyt, Tommy
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, LaurelBaldwin, Heather
Fellows, Sallie
Ladd, Rick
Rocheft, David
Stringham, JerryBerezhny, Lex
Fracht, David
Lovett, Peter
Sellers, John
Sykes, GeorgeBolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Morse, Corinne
Simon, Matthew**HILLSBOROUGH**Murray, Alissandra
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Smith, Juliet
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Pedersen, Michael
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Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, JonahBoyd, Bill
Booras, Efstathia
Calabro, Karen
Kelley, Diane
Dutzy, Sherry
Freitas, Mary
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
Kennedy, Stephen
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jennifer
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Petrigno, Peter
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel
Wilhelm, MatthewBaroody, Benjamin
Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Judy, Jean
Kofalt, Jim
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Murphy, Nancy
O'Brien, Michael
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Sirois, Shane
Telerski, Laura
Dolan, William**MERRIMACK**Turcotte, Alisson
McGuire, Carol
Gallager, Eric
Hoell, J.R.
McWilliams, Rebecca
Schamberg, Thomas
Shurtleff, SteveAures, Cyril
Caplan, Tony
Gerhard, Jason
Lane, Connie
Myler, Mel
Schuett, Dianne
Soucy, TimothyAylward, Deborah
Carey, Lorrie
Gibbs, Merryl
Luneau, David
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kristina
Wallner, Mary JaneBrennan, Angela
Ebel, Karen
Hall, Muriel
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
See, Alvin
Wolf, Dan**ROCKINGHAM**Balboni, Peggy
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Grote, Jaci
Murray, KateBall, Lorie
Edgar, Michael
Hamblet, Joan
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Gilman, Julie
Haskins, Linda
Knab, AllisonThomas, Douglas
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Janigian, John
Cahill, Michael

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Manos, Zoe
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Roy, Terry
Sytek, John
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Pearson, Mark
McDonnell, Valerie
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Pearson, Stephen
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Maggiore, Jim
Meuse, David
Rafter, Hal
Simpson, Alexis
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Milz, David
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Grassie, Chuck
Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas

Burnham, Claudine
Fitzpatrick, Daniel
Howard, Heath
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Wall, Janet

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Aron, Judy
Merchant, Gary

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John
Stapleton, Walter

Damon, Hope
Stone, Jonathan

and the majority committee report failed.

Rep. Tim Cahill voted Nay and intended to vote Yea.

Rep. Seibert moved the minority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Minority Amendment (0433h)

Amend the title of the resolution by replacing it with the following:

A RESOLUTION rescinding House Concurrent Resolution No. 40 passed by the 2012 New Hampshire General Court asking that Congress call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution.

Amend the concurrent resolution by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

Whereas, Article V of the United States Constitution establishes two methods for proposing amendments to the United States Constitution; and

Whereas one method of proposing amendments requires the Congress of the United States to call a constitutional convention upon the application of two-thirds of the several states (now 34); and

Whereas, it is generally believed that these applications never expire, and that current Legislatures are bound by applications made years, decades or centuries ago; and

Whereas, legal experts disagree about both the longevity of these applications and as to whether a convention called for a particular purpose may consider amendments beyond the scope of that purpose; and

Whereas, on May 31, 2012, the general court of the state of New Hampshire, acting with the best of intentions, passed House Concurrent Resolution Number 40 which is an application petitioning the United States Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring for each fiscal year, with certain exceptions, a federal balanced budget.

Whereas, New Hampshire's 2012 application no longer reflects the will of the New Hampshire general court; and

Whereas, the need to advance various policy reforms should be debated anew, and the current general court should not be bound by past general courts' opinions; and therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the General Court of the State of New Hampshire hereby rescinds, repeals, cancels, voids, nullifies and supersedes its application passed by the 2012 New Hampshire general court which asks Congress to call a constitutional convention pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, to the Secretary of the Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, and to be published in the Congressional Record.

The question being adoption of minority committee amendment (0433h).

On a division vote, with 209 members having voted in the affirmative, and 161 in the negative, the minority committee amendment was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the minority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Minority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1244, prohibiting smoking and e-cigarettes in motor vehicles when a passenger is under 16 years of age. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Ted Gorski for the Majority of Transportation. This bill would prohibit smoking and e-cigarettes in motor vehicles when a passenger under the age of 16 is in the car. The majority felt that this bill infringes on a

person's civil liberties. To have the state tell you what you can or cannot do in your own vehicle is a slippery slope. In addition, the fine for this offense is a secondary offense. The driver would not be fined unless they are stopped by law enforcement by another offense. Therefore, a driver can smoke or use e-cigarettes with someone under the age of 16 as long as they are not pulled over. Thus, this bill still allows smoking and does not protect children. It does the opposite of what the prime sponsor intended. Vote 11-8.

Rep. Daniel Veilleux for the Minority of Transportation. This bill prohibits smoking and e-cigarettes in motor vehicles when a passenger under the age of 16 is in the vehicle. This bill is consistent with laws that require passengers under the age of 18 to wear seatbelts and children to use safety restraints consistent with their size and age. It is well established that secondhand smoke, either from tobacco or e-cigarettes, is dangerous for anyone who is exposed to it, but children are especially vulnerable. Children are helpless in a vehicle with an adult smoker and cannot necessarily advocate for themselves. This bill does not necessarily pertain only to the smoker's child. Most people would not want anyone to smoke in a vehicle with their children.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Veilleux spoke against.

Rep. Gorski spoke in favor.

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Read, Ellen
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Bixby, Peter
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Howland, Allan
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Southworth, Thomas

Rich, Cecilia
Grassie, Chuck
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Wall, Janet

Cannon, Gerri
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Pare, Gail

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Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Drye, Margaret

and the majority committee report was adopted.

HB 1329-FN, relative to creating special number plates for fire departments. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Daniel Veilleux for Transportation. This bill creates special license plates for fire departments. This bill would allow municipal fire departments to issue special plates to municipal fire vehicles, similar to those issued to municipal police vehicles. This law change would offer municipal fire departments an alternative to the standard municipal plate. This change would be most relevant for fire vehicles that are otherwise unmarked, such as vehicles used by fire chiefs and other fire officials who use unmarked municipal vehicles. Vote 11-8.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.

Committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1332-FN, relative to prohibiting electric vehicles from parking in parking garages. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Thomas Walsh for the Majority of Transportation. The bill prohibits electric vehicles (EVs) from parking in parking garages. This is not a new concept. We are learning more about EVs as their numbers increase and some states have already started to take action. Pennsylvania and Georgia, for example, allow this practice for two reasons. One is the weight. The battery packs make EVs considerably heavier than their internal combustion counterparts while newer garages were designed to carry less weight per foot. More importantly are EV fires. When the battery packs go into what's called thermal runaway, the fire can burn for hours at temperatures reaching 3000 degrees Fahrenheit. It is not uncommon for tens of thousands of gallons of water to be needed to put these fires out. In a parking garage, there are a few places for the toxic gases and water to go. Structural damage by the heat is another concern. It has been reported that a parking garage in New York City collapsed due to an EV fire. The majority of the committee believes we should act before it happens here. Vote 10-9.

Rep. Catherine Rombeau for the Minority of Transportation. This bill would prohibit parking electric vehicles (EVs) in any parking garage in the state. While the majority cited to fears regarding EV batteries and weights contributing to fires, there was no evidence to dispute the Department of Environmental Services testimony that out of approximately 12,000 EVs currently in New Hampshire, there have been two car fires; all vehicles are heavier now than they were in years past, not just EVs; thus, banning EVs from parking garages will not significantly impact increased vehicle loads on garages. To the extent there are concerns about vehicle fires in garages, they relate to vehicle weights, flammability of tires, garage access for firefighters and open-air and sprinkler systems in garages. This bill singles out EVs without any data to support prohibition.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass.

Rep. Rombeau spoke against.

Rep. Proulx spoke in favor.

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Bean, Harry
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Beaudoin, Richard

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McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

Coker, Matthew
Nagel, David
Varney, Peter

Comtois, Barbara
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Baroody, Benjamin	Berry, Ross	Boehm, Ralph	Bradley, Amy
Colcombe, Riché	Cole, Brian	Creighton, Jim	Kelley, Diane
DiSilvestro, Linda	Erf, Keith	Fedolfi, Jim	Griffin, Gerald
Gagne, Larry	Gorski, Ted	Healey, Robert	Herbert, Christopher
Kenny, Catherine	Kofalt, Jim	Lascelles, Richard	Howard, Molly
Mazur, Lisa	McGough, Tim	Mooney, Maureen	Notter, Jeanine
O'Brien, Michael	Pauer, Diane	Plett, Fred	Proulx, Mark
Reid, Karen	Renzullo, Andrew	Seidel, Sheila	Sheehan, Vanessa
Sirois, Shane	Ulery, Jordan	Wheeler, Jonah	Wherry, Robert

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Thomas, Douglas	DeSimone, Debra	Doucette, Fred	Drago, Mike
Dunn, Ron	Edwards, Jess	Emerick, Tracy	Foote, Charles
Harb, Robert	Harley, Tina	Hobson, Deb	Nelson, Jodi
Janigian, John	Janvrin, Jason	Perez, Kristine	Katsakiores, Phyllis
Khan, Aboul	Kuttab, Katelyn	Layon, Erica	Love, David
Lundgren, David	Cahill, Michael	Pearson, Mark	McMahon, Charles
Melvin, Charles	Milz, David	Ford, Oliver	Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan	Potucek, John	Pratt, Kevin	Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Quaratiello, Arlene	Roy, Terry	Pearson, Stephen	Spillane, James
Sweeney, Joe	Sytek, John	Cahill, Tim	Dolan, Tom
Tripp, Richard	True, Chris	Tudor, Paul	Vandecasteele, Susan
Verville, Kevin	Vose, Michael	MacDonald, Wayne	Weyler, Kenneth

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Ankarberg, Aidan	Burnham, Claudine	Connor, James	Horgan, James
Turcotte, Len	Newton, Clifford	Potenza, Kelley	

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Aron, Judy	Drye, Margaret	Rollins, Skip	Smith, Steven
Spilsbury, Walter	Stapleton, Walter	Stone, Jonathan	

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Costable, Michael	Paige, David	Smith, Jonathan	McAleer, Chris
Petermel, Katy	Brown, Richard	Woodcock, Stephen	

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Abbott, Michael	Ames, Richard	Harvey, Cathryn	Fox, Dru
Eaton, Daniel	Faulkner, Barry	Germana, Nicholas	Hunt, John
Jones, Philip	Monteil, Renee	Newell, Jodi	Parshall, Lucius
Santonastaso, Matthew	Schapiro, Joe	Tatro, Bruce	Thackston, Dick
Toll, Amanda	Weber, Lucy		

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Cascadden, Corinne	Kelley, Eamon	Noël, Henry	King, Seth
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Almy, Susan	Baldwin, Heather	Berezhny, Lex	Bolton, Bill
Cormen, Thomas	Fellows, Sallie	Fracht, David	Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Hoyt, Tommy	Sullivan, Jared	Lovett, Peter	Massimilla, Linda
Morse, Corinne	Muirhead, Russell	Rocheffort, David	Simon, Matthew
Stavis, Laurel	Stringham, Jerry	Sykes, George	

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Murray, Aissandra
 Beaulieu, Jane
 Chretien, Jacqueline
 Darby, Will
 Davis, Fred
 Grill, Jessica
 Infantine, William
 Juris, Louis
 Leapley, Nicole
 Lloyd, Christal
 Mangipudi, Latha
 Morton, Jennifer
 Pedersen, Michael
 Preece, David
 Rombeau, Catherine
 Seibert, Christine
 Lekas, Tony
 Vail, Suzanne
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Ammon, Keith
 Booras, Efstathia
 Corcoran, Travis
 Devine, Shelley
 Freitas, Mary
 Hamer, Heidi
 Jack, Martin
 Kennedy, Stephen
 LeClerc, Daniel
 Long, Patrick
 McGhee, Kat
 Murphy, Nancy
 Petrigno, Peter
 Prout, Andrew
 Rung, Rosemarie
 Sofikitis, Catherine
 Mannion, Tom
 Veilleux, Daniel

King, Bill
 Bouchard, Donald
 Cornell, Patricia
 Dutzy, Sherry
 Goley, Jeffrey
 Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 Jeudy, Jean
 Foxx, Loren
 Leishman, Peter
 Murray, Megan
 McLean, Mark
 Noble, Kristin
 Plamondon, Marc
 Newman, Ray
 Ryan, Linda
 Spier, Carry
 Telerski, Laura
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 Calabro, Karen
 Cushman, Leah
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 Gregg, Alicia
 Heath, Mary
 Smith, Juliet
 Lanza, Judi
 Lewicke, John
 MacKenzie, Mark
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 Raymond, Heather
 Newman, Sue
 Staub, Kathy
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 Carey, Lorrie
 Gerhard, Jason
 Lane, Connie
 Moffett, Michael
 Roesener, James
 Shurtleff, Steve

McGuire, Carol
 McGuire, Dan
 Gibbs, Merryl
 Luneau, David
 Myler, Mel
 Schuett, Dianne
 Soucy, Timothy

Cambrils, Jose
 Ebel, Karen
 Hall, Muriel
 MacKay, James
 Polozov, Yury
 Schultz, Kristina
 Wallner, Mary Jane

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Balboni, Peggy
 Gilman, Julie
 Haskins, Linda
 Paige, Mark
 McDonnell, Valerie
 Popovici-Muller, Daniel
 Simpson, Alexis
 Wallace, Scott

DiLorenzo, Charlotte
 Grossman, Gaby
 Murray, Kate
 Maggiore, Jim
 Meuse, David
 Rafter, Hal
 Soti, Julius
 Ward, Gerald

Donnelly, Tanya
 Grote, Jaci
 Knab, Allison
 Malloy, Dennis
 Muns, Chris
 Reynolds, Ned
 Turer, Eric
 Yokela, Josh

Edgar, Michael
 Hamblet, Joan
 Lynn, Bob
 Manos, Zoe
 Phillips, Emily
 Read, Ellen
 Vallone, Mark

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Bailey, Glenn
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 Smith, Geoffrey
 Harrington, Michael
 Kenney, Cam
 Schmidt, Peter
 Southworth, Thomas

Bay, Luz
 Cannon, Gerri
 Granger, Michael
 Horrigan, Timothy
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Pare, Gail
 Wall, Janet

Bickford, David
 Conlin, Bill
 Grassie, Chuck
 Howland, Allan
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Phinney, Brandon

Bixby, Peter
 Fitzpatrick, Daniel
 Howard, Heath
 Kaczynski, Thomas
 Smith, Marjorie
 Selig, Loren

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Sullivan, Brian
 Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

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and the majority committee report failed.

Rep. Wheeler voted Yea and intended to vote Nay.

Rep. Rombeau moved the minority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Minority committee report was adopted.

HB 1403, relative to temporary vehicle emission control equipment. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Sellers for the Majority of Transportation. This bill, as amended, will allow 120 days to correct OBD II check engine light instead of the current 60 days. When a vehicle is fixed and before it can get reinspected, it usually needs to be driven 50 or 100 miles to reset the OBD II check engine light and then the vehicle owner must schedule another visit with the repair shop to finalize the inspection which all takes time. This waiver is only for those who can show an economic hardship which the department will define in the rule-making process. Vote 12-7.

Rep. Daniel Veilleux for the Minority of Transportation. This bill extends the repair period for vehicles that fail the OBD II to 120 days. The Department of Environmental Services testified that this change would require at least 16 months to gain approval from the Department of Environmental Protection to change the rules. Applying to the DEP for a permit change may also trigger enforcement of new federal regulations, which New Hampshire has been grandfathered from, that require roadside testing or laser testing. Owners may already apply for an exemption from compliance for up to one year while repairs are made to the OBD system.

Majority Amendment (0612h)

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to temporary waivers for vehicle emission control equipment.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Motor Vehicles; Emission Control Equipment; Waiver Period Extended. Amend RSA 266:59-b, V to read as follows:

V. If a vehicle fails the EPA OBD II test and it passes all other inspection requirements under this chapter, then it shall be issued a temporary waiver that permits its operation for [60] **120** days from the date of issuance, in order to make required repairs. A vehicle shall be eligible for only one such waiver during its inspection cycle. The department shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, that have the effect of establishing the broadest possible waivers for consumers consistent with 40 C.F.R. sections 51.350 through 51.373. It is the intent of the legislature to provide appropriate waivers to persons for whom the making of OBD II repairs would constitute economic hardship. The committee established in paragraph VII shall make recommendations for such waivers and the department shall consider such recommendations during the rulemaking process required by this paragraph.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill extends the repair period for vehicles that fail the OBD II test to 120 days. Majority committee amendment was adopted.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

On a division vote, with 200 members having voted in the affirmative, and 166 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

CACR 15, relating to taxation. Providing that a 2/3 vote is required to pass legislation imposing new or increased taxes or license fees, or to authorize the issuance of state bonds and providing that the general court shall appropriate funds for payment of interest and installments of principle of all state bonds. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: The proponents are in favor of achieving a consensus amongst the stakeholders regarding the need for and imposition of taxes and fees upon our constituents. As was pointed out in a recent unanimous consent speech, it is the duty of residents to pay taxes, but that same constitutional article contains the provision that the taxes must be acceptable and beneficial to all. Complying with that mandate is the purpose of this bill. Demanding that our tax and fee schedule is agreed to by a super-majority, rather than a bare majority of one or five, is the best practice to protect our neighbors who pay the taxes and fees.

Rep. Jordan Ulery

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This CACR would take only a third of the legislature to kill any new taxes, increased taxes, and new or increased professional fees, and any new bonding. This is likely to require that the entire budget pass by a two-thirds majority. A one-third minority could stop new bonding for the reauthorizations of transportation and other capital items already approved. The treasurer's reissue of bonds to achieve lower costs would be severely impeded, and her department actions slowed by the need to submit all bond payments to a simple 51% majority vote. The bill allows a small minority to stop the issuance of funds for any new profession's license fees, and for the increase due to inflation needed for existing license fees. While no more federal stimulus money is coming in, inflation still simmering, and revenues beginning to decline, it stops any future revenue adjustments that may be required to maintain existing services. The minority could deny payment for lawsuits against the state, both already won and pending, possibly triggering a constitutional crisis.

Rep. Susan Almy

Rep. Ulery moved Ought to Pass and spoke in favor.

Rep. Almy spoke against.

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Mooney, Maureen
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Ulery, JordanAbare, Kimberly
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Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Kennedy, Stephen
Lewicke, John
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Wherry, RobertAlexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kenny, Catherine
Mazur, Lisa
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, TonyAmmon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Kofalt, Jim
McGough, Tim
Panek, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
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Cambriels, Jose
Hoell, J.R.
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, ThomasAures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, DaveAylward, Deborah
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Raymond, Heather
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Wilhelm, MatthewNutting-Wong, Allison
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McGhee, Kat
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Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Tellerski, Laura
Dolan, WilliamBaroody, Benjamin
Bouchard, Donald
Chretien, Jacqueline
Devine, Shelley
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
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Cornell, Patricia
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
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MacKenzie, Mark
Morton, Jennifer
Pedersen, Michael
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
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Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, Jonah**MERRIMACK**Turcotte, Alisson
Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Myler, Mel
Schamberg, Thomas
Soucy, TimothyBrennan, Angela
Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Richards, Beth
Schuett, Dianne
Wallner, Mary JaneCaplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryl
MacKay, James
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Schultz, Kristina
Wolf, DanCarey, Lorrie
Hall, Muriel
McWilliams, Rebecca
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Shurtleff, Steve**ROCKINGHAM**Balboni, Peggy
Grossman, Gaby
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Milz, David
Read, Ellen
Vallone, MarkDiLorenzo, Charlotte
Grote, Jaci
Knab, Allison
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Simpson, Alexis
Ward, GeraldEdgar, Michael
Hamblet, Joan
Cahill, Michael
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Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
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Southworth, Thomas**SULLIVAN**Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

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and the motion of Ought to Pass failed, lacking the necessary three-fifths vote.

HB 1054-A, relative to the Northern Border Alliance Program fund. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This program was established last year in HB 2 with an appropriation of \$1.4 million funded from the biennial budget that ended June 30, 2023. Since it was set-up as non-lapsing, the appropriation immediately rolled into the current biennial budget. The committee heard that the program was intended to be a one-time project. As of February 1st, 98% of the communications equipment budget had been encumbered and 25% of the state police budget had been spent. All the local law enforcement grant applications were approved, obligating 54% of that budget. Assuming the state police will spend all their budget, this still leaves about \$350,000 that could go unspent. Since this is a one-time project, we recommend letting the June 30, 2025 balance lapse, so it can be used for other important needs.

Rep. Sallie Fellows

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill would make a change to the Northern Border Alliance Program fund that was established as a result of last year's HB 2, changing it from a non-lapsing fund to a lapsing fund. The rules of the program were only established in November 2023 and the program only started its patrols in December 2023. It is within the purview of the Ways and Means Committee to examine lapsing versus non-lapsing funds, but at this point, it's premature to make these types of changes. A change such as this would be more appropriate after a full year of implementation.

Rep. David Rochefort

Rep. Fellows moved Ought to Pass.

On a division vote, with 188 members having voted in the affirmative, and 180 in the negative, the motion of Ought to Pass was adopted and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1254-L, relative to an optional local public safety assessment on certain room occupancies. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass with Amendment: Most of the committee understands the dilemma of municipalities that attract more visitors than they have permanent residents, at certain times of year or during the day all year round. Whether it be tourism, a job center, or major shopping and services, these towns and cities spend much more per capita on public safety, especially police, fire, and emergency medical services, than the surrounding towns. This translates into higher property taxes for their residents. This bill, as amended, provides partial relief for those magnet towns that opt to use it, allowing them to levy and collect a fee, up to \$2 per room per night, on hotels and other transient lodgings, specified as to what public safety items will be funded by the fee. It is not a final solution to the problem but provides substantial help to the magnet towns with some form of transient housing.

Rep. Susan Almy

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill proposes to allow, for the first time, a municipality to collect a "public safety assessment" on hotel occupancy but does not define that term or set a cap. The amendment clarifies that the fee could "be collected as a daily charge of up to \$2 per occupancy per 24-hour period" for visits of up to 30 days. The bill requires that collected revenues must be deposited in some sort of undefined non-lapsing fund, which "shall be used to augment funding for the cost of municipal services associated with the increase in tourism and transient traffic." Municipal leaders representing Conway and Portsmouth provided a chorus of support for this mechanism. Conway spokesmen, indicating their community has about 3,000 hotel rooms available with approximately 50% occupancy rates, described a variety of ways in which tourist destinations are under pressure to bolster police, fire, and other emergency services to accommodate the surge of visitors. Portsmouth's mayor testified that: "The City of Portsmouth derives benefits from being a destination location and invests considerable resources annually to welcome and support visitors." But he added: "The city's portion of the meals and rooms distribution does not fully support the costs related to the impact of tourism on our community." The testimony received makes a credible case that in communities with significant hotel space a crush of visitors can add a further burden to local property tax rates, despite the property taxes assessed against the hotels themselves, and that the meals and rooms tax generates more revenue to the state than is returned via the 30% municipal revenue sharing. Despite a sympathetic case having been laid out, half of the Ways and Means Committee has concluded that the bill, even as amended, should not be advanced until further study has been done regarding similar burdens on other communities caused by visitor surges that do not derive from overnight stays and the ways in which these might be dealt with more comprehensively within the framework of our existing fabric of state taxes. Advocates failed to distinguish the manner in which overnight guests burden their communities relative to the various ways in which other communities may be impacted by a daily or seasonal surge derived from being diners' destinations, or city centers, or employment centers, or retail hubs, or border towns, or beach towns, or lake towns, or second-home communities, or a nexus for skiing or hiking, or hosts of hospitals, universities, county seats, courthouses, and other public services. Though this "assessment" was represented as merely a "fee" and not a "tax," it clearly represents a new form of local tax, regardless of how it is labeled, thus raising concern as to how it fits into New Hampshire's existing taxation scheme. Fees like this, applied in isolation by community, would allow development of a quilt work pattern of lodging tax. A checkerboard of local taxation solutions applied to an assortment of activities, cuts against the grain in low-tax New Hampshire, and sets the stage for a growth in kind. Perhaps municipalities should be engaging in further reflection on their master plan and the building permits they grant. Perhaps a local surcharge on the meals and rooms tax might be workable, or perhaps revenue sharing might be allocated differently. In a state in which it might be said that no two communities are just alike, New Hampshire is comprised of more variety than just tourist destinations and sleepy bedroom communities, so a statewide policy that reflects this diversity of circumstances would be preferable. This issue deserves further work and a better solution.

Rep. Walter Spilsbury

Rep. Almy moved Ought to Pass and offered amendment (0681h).

Amendment (0681h)

Amend RSA 353:11, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. The legislative body of a municipality may vote to collect a public safety assessment on each occupancy, as defined in RSA 78-A:3, XI, of each hotel, as defined in RSA 78-A:3, VII, for the purpose of establishing funding for municipal services as described in paragraph II. No occupant shall be charged for more than 30 days during a single visit. Under this section:

(a) "Hotel" means inns, motels, lodging homes, rooming houses, boarding houses, and hostels; and

(b) "Occupant" means the same as defined under RSA 78-A:3, XII.

Amend RSA 353:11 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

IV. As authorized by the legislative body vote, the fee may be collected as a daily charge of up to \$2 per occupancy per 24-hour period, or as a percentage of the price of the occupancy, provided that the rate shall not exceed \$2 per occupancy per 24-hour period. If the average daily price of the occupancy does not exceed \$40, the occupancy fee shall not be collected. The vote by the legislative body shall specify the number of consecutive days to which the occupancy fee applies, provided that the maximum number of consecutive days for which the fee may be collected for each occupancy shall not exceed 30 days. Enforcement powers for nonpayment shall be the same as those provided under RSA 31:39-c, RSA 31:39-d, and RSA 47:17-B, relative to enforcement of ordinances.

Amendment (0681h) was adopted.

The question being adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **HB 1254-L**, relative to an optional local public safety assessment on certain room occupancies, be Indefinitely Postponed.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Boyd, Stephen
Walsh, Thomas

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Ball, Lorie
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Love, David
McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Sweeney, Joe
Tripp, Richard
Vallone, Mark
MacDonald, Wayne

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
Lynn, Bob
Melvin, Charles
Phillips, Emily
Pratt, Kevin
Pearson, Stephen
Sytek, John
True, Chris
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wallace, Scott

Brouillard, Jacob
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Harley, Tina
Janvrin, Jason
Kuttab, Katelyn
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Cahill, Tim
Tudor, Paul
Verville, Kevin
Weyler, Kenneth

Mannion, Dennis
Doucette, Fred
Emerick, Tracy
Hobson, Deb
Perez, Kristine
Layon, Erica
McDonnell, Valerie
Ford, Oliver
Porcelli, Susan
Quaratiello, Arlene
Spillane, James
Dolan, Tom
Turer, Eric
Vose, Michael
Yokela, Josh

STRAFFORD

Ankarberg, Aidan
Connor, James
Kaczynski, Thomas
Potenza, Kelley

Bailey, Glenn
Granger, Michael
Turcotte, Len

Bickford, David
Harrington, Michael
Newton, Clifford

Burnham, Claudine
Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

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Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

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McAleer, Chris

Burroughs, Anita
McConkey, Mark

Paige, David
Woodcock, Stephen

Smith, Jonathan

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Newell, Jodi
Toll, Amanda

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Germana, Nicholas
Schapiro, Joe

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Tatro, Bruce

COOS

Cascadden, Corinne

Kelley, Eamon

Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fracht, David
Lovett, Peter
Stringham, Jerry

Baldwin, Heather
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Morse, Corinne
Sykes, George

Bolton, Bill
Hoyt, Tommy
Muirhead, Russell

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Stavis, Laurel

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alistandra
Beaulieu, Jane
Bradley, Amy
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet
Leapley, Nicole
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
O'Brien, Michael
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, Jonah

Nutting-Wong, Allison
Booras, Efstathia
Chretien, Jacqueline
Devine, Shelley
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Ming, Ben
Pedersen, Michael
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel
Wilhelm, Matthew

Baroody, Benjamin
Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
Leishman, Peter
MacKenzie, Mark
Murphy, Nancy
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Telerski, Laura
Dolan, William

Beauchemin, Paige
Bouldin, Amanda
Ford, Damond
Dutzy, Sherry
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jeudy, Jean
Lanza, Judi
Lloyd, Christal
Mangipudi, Latha
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Tellez, Trinidad
Thomas, Wendy

MERRIMACK

Brennan, Angela
Gibbs, Merryl
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
Shurtleff, Steve

Caplan, Tony
Hall, Muriel
McWilliams, Rebecca
Schamberg, Thomas
Soucy, Timothy

Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Myler, Mel
Schuett, Dianne
Wallner, Mary Jane

Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kristina

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Grossman, Gaby
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Simpson, Alexis

DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Grote, Jaci
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Rafter, Hal
Ward, Gerald

Edgar, Michael
Hamblet, Joan
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Raynolds, Ned

Gilman, Julie
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Read, Ellen

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
Conlin, Bill
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Pare, Gail

Bixby, Peter
Fitzpatrick, Daniel
Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren

Rich, Cecilia
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas

Cannon, Gerri
Grassie, Chuck
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

and the motion was adopted.

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Hoell moved that the debate on **HR 27**, calling for policymakers locally and nationally to fully consider all relevant information and factors pertaining to climate change before pursuing courses of action that could adversely affect any economy or environment, be printed in the Permanent Journal. Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

DEBATE ON HR 27

Representative Seibert: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, this measure is not just about climate change. It ultimately seeks to undermine how we currently conduct everyday business here at the State House. The principle of hearing both sides of an issue before weighing the decision is essential in ensuring the fairness of the decision-making process. This principle embodies the core values of democracy, transparency and justice which we hold dear. In this legislature we listen to and consider multiple perspectives on any given issue and allow stakeholders to present their arguments and evidence. In parliamentary proceedings the practice of hearing both sides of an issue before weighing a decision reinforces the integrity of our deliberative process and enhances the legitimacy of our outcomes. Please join me in voting no on the Ought to Pass motion so another motion can be made. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Moffett.

Representative Moffett: Thank you, Mister Speaker. There are five giant paintings up here in this Hall that we look at. You see Webster, Pierce, Washington and Lincoln, but who is this other guy? A lot of you may not know, it's Senator John P. Hale. He's an abolitionist US Senator who served during the Civil War. What many of you may not know is that his daughter Lucy was engaged to one of the most famous actors of the time during the Civil War. Hale, that guy's future son in law was a guy named John Wilkes Booth. The same guy that assassinated that guy, Abraham Lincoln. Booth had Lucy's picture near his heart when he was shot dead in 1865. Lucy quickly moved from New Hampshire to Europe. So, what does this little history lesson have to do with climate change? The point is that some information, some history, some facts can be uncomfortable and inconvenient to acknowledge such as the relationship between Lucy Hale and John Wilkes Booth. Similarly, there is a lack of climate information, total climate information, history and facts that need to be better presented. Many years ago, as a UNH freshman I took a course in this, and I was scared to death. And yet I went back and found the textbook that I was given way back then and the predictions, the doomsday scenarios didn't come true. That was in the 70s. So those of us who make laws are pressured by activists to take climate action now, climate action now or else we are doomed. Some states have already passed laws. California, you can't drive a gas-powered vehicle there past a date certain. Other states are doing the same thing. They are getting rid of gas stoves. They are mandating electric school busses. They are trying to get military jets to use organic fuel, way more expensive. We've had bills in this chamber to outlaw woodstoves and on and on. But does hysterical climate activism yield good public policy? That's what we are all about, is laws, public policy. Will carbon taxes on Granite Staters stop climate change? Carbon taxes on us stop climate change? Activists often cite scientific consensus and that's the point of this measure. Not

every voice is being listened to or heard. Too many scientists are being bullied. The American Meteorological Society did a member survey and received 1,862 responses. Only 52% of those felt that 20th century global emissions had anything to do with global warming. It's a far cry from the 97% figure we keep hearing in terms of scientists who supposedly blame humans for climate change. So, this brings us to the purpose of this resolution which simply states, and which simply calls for all voices to be heard as we develop climate policies in this body and elsewhere. Experts who are being threatened and ignored deserve to be heard and we need to stop scaring the heck out of our kids the way they scared the heck out of me at UNH when I was a freshman there. Most agree that measured, most of us agree that measured and sensible reductions in fossil fuel emissions are desirable and we can do that by working together. The EPA was established under a Republican administration. Together, together we've cleaned our lakes and rivers. We've cleaned our air. If you remember how bad it was in New York City or LA? We've worked together to ameliorate that stuff for decades. But climate scientists who shut down debate and try to impose radical measures promote bad policies. We are under incredible pressure. Schools are under pressure to start teaching climate as part of school. HR 30 is coming up from another committee. So anyway, this resolution simply calls for us to listen to all voices. If that seems reasonable. By the way, if you notice in the calendar there was no contrary minority report. Who wants to step up and say not to listen to all voices? So, if you want to listen to all voices as we put together the policy, then I ask you to hit the green, the Celtics green, the St. Patrick's Day green, green button to vote yes. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: For what reason does the member rise?

Representative Massimilla: For a motion.

Speaker Packard: State your motion.

Representative Massimilla: I motion to table HR 27.

Speaker Packard: The motion is in order. The motion before us is to table HR 27. A division has been called. Members take your seats. Rep. Hoell has requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is not sufficiently seconded. For what reason does the member rise?

Representative Hoell: Question of the Speaker.

Speaker Packard: State your question.

Representative Hoell: When I asked for the roll call and you requested a second, I thought I saw more than ten votes.

Speaker Packard: I did not count ten votes and they had to be in their seats, and it took maybe two minutes for everybody to stand up. When we ask for a second, everybody has to stand up right away, not look around the room to see who is standing and who isn't.

Representative Hoell: Mister Speaker, is there a provision to allow me to ask for a second roll call vote so we can actually see if there is a second?

Speaker Packard: No.

Representative Hoell: Thank you.

Speaker Packard: This is going to be a division vote. The motion before us is to table HR 27. This is a division vote. If you are in favor, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations will be open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had the opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 187 voting Yea, 185 voting Nay, HR 27 is laid on the table.

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE

Rep. Brouillard moved that **HR 27**, calling for policymakers locally and nationally to fully consider all relevant information and factors pertaining to climate change before pursuing courses of action that could adversely affect any economy or environment, be removed from the table.

On a division vote, with 170 members having voted in the affirmative, and 195 in the negative, the motion failed.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Alissandra Murray moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a division vote of 188-180, the House adopted the motion of Ought to Pass on **HB 1054-A**, relative to the Northern Border Alliance Program fund.

Rep. Alissandra Murray spoke against.

On a division vote, with 173 members having voted in the affirmative, and 192 in the negative, the motion failed.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1391-FN, allowing new vehicles purchased in the model year or before to be inspected in the second year after purchase. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Walter Spilsbury for the Majority of Ways and Means. This bill was referred to the Ways and Means Committee on February 1st, after the House voted Ought to Pass 241-123, for consideration of any questions relating to the fee structure and revenue impact to the state. By exempting vehicles from inspection for two years after they are sold new by a licensed dealer, it is estimated that New Hampshire drivers may save

approximately \$3.3 million per year. This common-sense bill rests on the logic that little is gained by requiring inspection of an automobile that has been sold new presumably without defects, that traditionally has been delivered with a warranty, that is subject to regular dealer contact, that typically returns to the dealer network for routine service during the warranty period, and that has not generally had a lot of opportunity for wear, tear, and abuse in its first two years. The Department of Safety registered its opposition to the bill, as they had before the Transportation Committee, indicating there is inevitably a chance that a vehicle safety problem could cause an accident even within that first two years. But vehicle inspection records for 2018-23 indicate that, in contrast to a general failure rate of about 16% for all vehicles inspected, only 477 of 778,962 first year inspections conducted in 2023 found a deficiency and a mere 271 failed for safety, or 0.34%. More than three-quarters of all deficiencies found were based primarily on "vehicle info" followed by glass or tires, with occasional wiper or taillight issues. As noted in the fiscal note: "Inspection stickers cost \$3.25, with revenue split between three accounts: \$2.75 to the highway fund, \$0.25 to the general fund, and \$0.25 to the motor vehicle air pollution abatement fund." Using an assumed 83,000 fewer inspection stickers per calendar year, the total revenue decrease to the state is estimated at \$269,750 annually. As 12% of highway fund road toll and motor vehicle revenue is distributed to municipalities, local revenue would decrease by about \$27,390 per year from those state collections. The majority recognizes that inspecting fewer vehicles will necessarily result in decreased fee-based income going into the highway fund, which often struggles for revenue, but believes that the state is not in the practice of inspecting vehicles for the purpose of generating state revenue but rather to protect public safety. The benefits to this small class of owners of avoiding redundant and unnecessary inspection greatly outweighs the resulting decreased state revenues. A question arose whether the \$3.25 sticker charge should be increased, in part to reflect the reduced pool of funds to pay an outside contractor and in part to reflect inflationary factors since the last adjustment, but the majority believes that question should be addressed separately when the department is prepared to make a presentation as to why an adjustment is warranted and by how much, and that this is not the appropriate occasion to consider raising fees for all other vehicle inspections. Vote 11-8.

Rep. Richard Ames for the Minority of Ways and Means. The effect of this bill is to eliminate mandatory vehicle inspection for periods of up to 30 months, depending on the purchaser's birth date, after the date of purchase of a new vehicle regardless of the distance traveled by, or the wear and tear experienced by, the vehicle during that pre-inspection time. Recorded testimony given to the Transportation Committee in the original public hearing on this bill reveals that many such uninspected vehicles may have been driven as much as 70,000 miles before the date of the first required inspection. Although tires, brakes, steering mechanisms, and exhaust control devices may all fail during this time, there is no mechanism or fee provided for by this bill that would ensure early detection of these safety issues nor that would allow placement on these vehicles of authorized stickers that would enable and indirectly pay for identification by public safety officials of the pre-inspection status and potential public safety issues presented by these vehicles. Data provided during the original public hearing of this bill revealed that vehicle inspections of vehicles in their first or second year of use often identify life safety or emission failures, but that many of these failures do not show on most data reports because these life safety problems have been immediately corrected during the inspection process. The minority believes this bill needs more work.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass.

On a division vote, with 219 members having voted in the affirmative, and 145 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1536-FN, relative to increasing the amount of the expense deduction allowed against the business profits tax. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Cyril Aures for the Majority of Ways and Means. This bill allows for assets put into service as of January 1, 2025 to be expensed up to \$1 million. Current law established a \$500,000 amount in 2015 and \$100,000 in 2010. The bipartisan majority of the committee agreed that \$1 million was more in line with current Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limits and therefore made sense. Vote 16-4.

Rep. Susan Almy for the Minority of Ways and Means. This state has never kept up with the ever-changing vicissitudes of the federal expense deduction. We raised it in 2018, only six years ago. Now we're raising it again a great deal more than the ensuing inflation. Forgoing more revenue that we will need to 2025 and beyond is unnecessary and harmful to our younger generations in need of greater educational, mental health, and job supports than we can afford.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass.

On a division vote, with 272 members having voted in the affirmative, and 89 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Osborne offered the following: **RESOLVED**, that the House now adjourn from the early session, that the business of the late session be in order at the present time, that the reading of bills be by title only and

resolutions by caption only and that all bills ordered to third reading be read a third time by this resolution, and that all titles of bills be the same as adopted, and that they be passed at the present time, and when the House adjourns today it be to meet, Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
Motion was adopted.

LATE SESSION

Third Reading and Final Passage

HB 1012-FN, exempting from criminal penalty certain parenting decisions intended to encourage a child's independence and freedom.
HB 1038-FN, relative to prohibiting registered sex offenders from employment at businesses providing direct services to minors or direct supervision or oversight of minors.
HB 1270-FN, relative to protective custody statutes.
HB 1319-FN, relative to prohibiting the nonconsensual dissemination of synthetic sexual images.
HB 1126, relative to candidate requests for absentee ballot information.
HB 1150, relative to advertising rates for political advertising.
HB 1313-FN-L, relative to access to the voter checklist by candidates.
HB 1328, relative to public safety providers defined as essential services.
HB 1609-FN, relative to the commission on the primary care workforce and the state office of rural health.
HB 1407, relative to child care staffing ratios.
HB 1158, relative to establishing an exception to vessel registration.
HB 1457-FN, establishing penalties for driving over covered wooden bridges in vehicles that exceed posted limits and for vehicular damage to covered wooden bridges.
HB 1204, relative to government agent entries into secured premises.
HB 1276-FN, relative to repealing the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles except by or to minors.
HB 1265, relative to the penalty for failure to file school expenditure reports, and relative to certain adequacy grants.
HB 1305-FN, relative to freedom of speech and association at public institutions of higher education.
HB 1311, relative to school district collection development and reconsideration policies.
HB 1312, requiring parental notification of student health or well-being and certain curricula by school districts.
HB 1146, relative to the removal of a voter from the checklist.
HB 1310-FN, relative to meetings of supervisors of the checklist.
HB 1348, governing the application for a ballot recount in a state general election.
HB 1369, relative to the verification of voter rolls every 4 years.
HB 1370-FN, relative to durable and tamper-proof containers for preserving ballots.
HB 1569-FN, relative to eliminating voter identification exceptions.
HB 1252, relative to establishing a committee to study the needs of Native Americans in New Hampshire.
SB 395, relative to establishing the position of assistant commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food.
HB 1231, permitting qualifying patients and designated caregivers to cultivate cannabis for therapeutic use.
HCR 9, rescinding House Concurrent Resolution No. 40 passed by the 2012 New Hampshire General Court asking that Congress call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution.
HB 1329-FN, relative to creating special number plates for fire departments.
HB 1403, relative to temporary waivers for vehicle emission control equipment.
HB 1054-A, relative to the Northern Border Alliance Program fund.
HB 1391-FN, allowing new vehicles purchased in the model year or before to be inspected in the second year after purchase.
HB 1536-FN, relative to increasing the amount of the expense deduction allowed against the business profits tax.

RECESS MOTION

Rep. Osborne moved that the House stand in recess for the purposes of the introduction of bills, enrolled bill amendments, enrolled bill reports, vacate motions and receiving messages.
Motion was adopted.

The House recessed at 6:00 p.m.

RECESS