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House Leaders React to Dismissal of NH Voter List Release Lawsuit

CONCORD - House Speaker Shawn Jasper (R-Hudson) and House Majority Leader Dick Hinch (R-Merrimack) issued statements in reaction to the dismissal of a suit brought by the ACLU and 2 elected members of the New Hampshire Legislature against New Hampshire Secretary of State Bill Gardner seeking to block the release of voter checklist information to the Presidential Commission on Election Integrity.

House Speaker Shawn Jasper:

"From the outset, I had faith in Secretary Gardner's interpretation of his duties, and his commitment to uphold the laws of New Hampshire, while never compromising the privacy of our citizens. This is part of what I believe is a long overdue review at the federal level, of our election systems, with the goal of increasing confidence and security. I am pleased that the data release has been cleared and our state now can play a role in the presidential commission's efforts at improving election integrity."

House Majority Leader Dick Hinch:

"It's unfortunate that this lawsuit, and grandstanding by Democrats in the state legislature calling for a special session, distracted from the real concern many New Hampshire citizens have about election integrity. Rep. Shurtleff has yet to produce petition signatures requesting a special session he announced over a month ago, which demonstrates that even members of his own party quickly realized the premise for their opposition was not well founded."

Special Election Round-Up:

Up Next:

Grafton Dist 9 (Alexandria, Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Grafton)
Election Day: Sept 5
Republican Nominee: Vincent Paul Migliore

Belknap Dist 9 (Laconia, Belmont)
Election Day: Sept 12
Republican Nominee: Steven R. Whalley

Rockingham Dist 4 (Auburn, Chester, Sandown)
Election Day: Sept 26
Republican Nominee: James F. Headd

Hillsborough Dist 15 (Manchester W-8)
Primary: Sept 19, Election Day: Nov 7
Republicans Filing: Andy Parent & Albert E. MacArthur Jr.

Sullivan Dist 1 (Cornish, Grantham, Plainfield, Springfield)
Primary: Sept 19, Election Day: Nov 7
Republicans Filing: Margaret Drye

Headd Takes GOP Nomination in Rockingham Dist. 4 Primary

AUBURN - Hon. Jim Headd (R-Auburn) beat out 2 other Republicans in the primary election for Rockingham District 4. The district comprises the towns of Auburn, Chester, and Sandown. The special election was called after the death of Republican Rep. William Polewarczyk.

Headd served 5 terms in the House, and served on the Commerce Committee. He is a veteran of the US Air Force, and a retired insurance industry professional.

In a statement, Headd said, "I am honored by the support I received tonight and applaud my opponents and their supporters for running a positive campaign. We focused on the values that matter most to our party and the communities of Auburn, Chester and Sandown. Now it's time to turn our attention to the general election and I am proud to run on the pro-business and low-tax Gov. Chris Sununu agenda that is moving our state forward."

Data compiled by the Committee to Elect House Republicans puts Rockingham 4 as one of the top 5 most favorable districts for Republicans.

He will face off against Democrat Kari Lerner, and Libertarian James D. Jarvis in the special election on September 26th.



PHOTO: House Majority Leader Dick Hinch ran into Wally the Green Monster at an event held in conjunction with the NCSL conference in Boston this week.

Policy Quick Takes:

“[BitQuick](#) entered New Hampshire because on Tuesday a new state law (HB 436) went into effect exempting companies like it from banking regulations.” ~ [Concord Monitor](#), *Change in N.H. bitcoin law attracts startup firm, speeds up transactions, 8/7/2017*

“A new law signed by Gov. Chris Sununu this summer officially made online daily fantasy sports legal in New Hampshire, where it previously was stuck in a regulatory gray area since the industry came on the scene about eight years ago.” ~ [Concord Monitor](#), *Now legal in N.H., daily fantasy sports sites set for kickoff, 8/11/2017*

UNH Poll: NH on right Track

The UNH Survey Center released polling data this week that took a look at Granite Staters’ sentiment on a number of issues. Here are a few key quotes:

A majority of New Hampshire residents approve of the job Chris Sununu is doing as governor. Nearly three in four Granite Staters feel the state is headed in the right direction, the highest percentage in a decade.

Granite Staters remain very concerned with the drug crisis facing the state. More than half (55%) of New Hampshire adults cite drug misuse as the most important problem facing the state. Fourteen percent cite jobs or the economy, 6% cite health care and 5% cite education.

You can view the full poll results here:

http://cola.unh.edu/sites/cola.unh.edu/files/research_publications/gsp2017_summer_govapp081017.pdf

Bill Filing and Retained Bill Period Approaching Quickly

Wednesday, September 6, 2017
First day to file LSRs for 2018

Friday, September 22, 2017
Last day to file LSRs (4:00 p.m.)

Friday, October 27, 2017
Last day to sign off LSRs (4:00 p.m.)

Thursday, November 16, 2017
Last day to report retained bills

A bill draft is referred to as an “LSR” (Legislative Services Request) and is identified with and referred to by its LSR number until it is assigned a bill number and introduced as a bill.

For more information on the bill drafting process and other services available to legislators from the Office of Legislative Services, please review the OLS Orientation handbook:

<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/orientation/documents/olsOrientation.pdf>

A retained bill is a 2017 bill that a policy committee voted to defer action on until later this year. Most bills are processed by committees during the regular session, which typically lasts from January through June. When bills are retained, the committee returns to work on the bill(s) in the fall, and produce recommendations, which the full House will act on in a future House session, most in January.

Deadlines pertaining to bill drafting and retained bills are included in House Rules, and are regularly published in the House calendar.

Deadlines are recommended by the House Rules Committee adopted by a vote of the House. To view the full rules document, please visit:

<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/abouthouse/houserules.htm>