

Quote of the Week

"If you want something said, ask a man. If you want something done, ask a woman"

— Margaret Thatcher

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Spread The Word!

We are happy to hear that many are finding the Republican Review to be a very helpful tool. Don't let it stop with you though! Please feel free to send the Review around to anyone you know who might be interested. The best way for Republicans to win back the Majority in the House is by reaching out to the voters of this state and showing them just what the Democrats priorities really are: More taxes, More Government and More of the Same!

Jobs & the Economy: Rep. Cebrowski's Amendment to HB2

Last week, Representative John Cebrowski (R-Bedford) [offered 1186h amendment to HB2](#), which would have allocated additional resources to the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of recruiting high tech and manufacturing jobs. This effort would have helped New Hampshire attract new businesses, thereby growing our economy and our tax base, and making New Hampshire a stronger, more successful state.

The amendment received 96% support among Republicans in the House. 7 Democrats broke rank with their leadership and voted for the amendment, as well.

In his floor speech in favor of the amendment, Rep. Cebrowski condensed the argument into easy to follow talking points;

- Manufacturing is the state's #1 sector, while business taxes account for approximately 23% of general fund revenues. Over the last decade, that percentage has been essentially stagnant.
- We are being out-invested and out-marketed by other states seeking to improve their economies. North Carolina, Indiana, Texas, North Dakota, Virginia, Utah and many others are aggressively driving economic development. Plus—international firms are seeking desirable landing places in the United States.
- There is a strong link between the perception of the NH job market and the decision of a student to stay or leave. Concern about availability of jobs and salaries are the top two reasons students' leave. In order to stop the mass exodus of young educated workers, we need to bring the jobs to New Hampshire.
- We are not providing sufficient assistance to NH firms to improve exports. NH exports have been in decline for the past three years improved export sales translate to a stronger economy, job growth, and profits—which translate to increased business tax revenue flows.

Among other benefits, attracting new businesses and industry to our state would help to stem the migration of young people leaving New Hampshire to find work. As we all know, the median age in New Hampshire is among the highest in the nation, a direct result of skilled and educated young adults seeking employment and higher wages elsewhere. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

ICYMI (In Case Your Missed It)

Senate Committee Kills HB370

On Wednesday, the Senate Health, Education and Human Services Committee voted to kill HB370, which would repeal the education opportunity tax credit against the business profits tax, passed in the last session.

This bill passed the House several months ago on a largely partisan vote, with the Democrat majority opposing the pro business and pro-educational excellence policy. Committee Republicans voted against the anti-education measure, instead voting on the side of parents, low income students and school choice.

The full Senate is expected to adopt the committee report of ITL.

[Here is the NHGOP's Press Statement following the vote.](#)

The program still faces repeal as part of the House Democrat's budget plan.

Hassan Breaks Commitment on MOU

Last Friday, Republican members of the Joint Health Care Reform Oversight Committee [issued statements](#) after it was revealed that Gov. Hassan's administration might not be pursuing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the federal government with regards to the implementation of a State-Federal Partnership Health Care Exchange (part of Obamacare) as was originally promised to the committee last month.

At a meeting on Tuesday, the Governor's legal counsel offered an apology for "miscommunication" and agreed to meet with the co-chairs of the committee to work out the parameters of an MOU.

Republicans on the committee felt that an MOU is imperative to ensuring the legislature has involvement in the approval of the parameters of an exchange and to ensure the State does not incur any additional expense as a result of the exchange.

A follow up meeting will be held in order to review and possibly approve and MOU. We will update you as this develops.

Important Dates

- **Republican Caucus-** Wednesday, April 24th at 9:00am in LOB 305-307 (*Open to House Republican Members Only*)
- **House Session-** Wednesday, April 24th at 10:00am
- **NH House Business Caucus Luncheon w/ DRED Commissioner Rose -** Wednesday, April 24th during the lunch break at the Upham Walker House. Please RSVP to repsanborn@gmail.com (*Open to House Members Only*)

Granite Clips

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Speaker Forms "Super Committee" for Senate Gaming Bill

Speaker Terie Norelli has appointed a Joint Committee comprised of the members of the House Finance and Ways & Means Committees to deal with SB 152. Finance Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner (D) will serve as Chair of the Joint Committee, Ways & Means Chairwoman Susan Almy (D) will serve as Vice Chair, Neal Kurk (R) and Norman Major (R) will serve as Co-Ranking Members. The following subcommittees will be formed within the Joint Committee on SB 152:

- **Regulations: Rep. David Huot (D-Laconia) Chair, Rep. David Hess (R-Hooksett) Vice Chair**
This subcommittee will focus on the bidding process, regulations, oversight, accountability and enforcement.
- **Revenue: Rep. Neal Kurk (R-Weare) Chair, Rep. Steve Spratt (D-Greenville) Vice Chair**
This subcommittee will address all issues related to revenue generation and loss, specification of casino size and composition to achieve maximum revenue, and allocation of revenues designated for specific purposes.
- **Community Impact: Rep. Patricia Lovejoy (D-Stratham) Chair, Rep. Sue Ford (D-Easton) Vice Chair**
This subcommittee will explore impacts on municipalities, counties and the state including job creation, impact on existing businesses, traffic and highway maintenance, public safety and other social costs.

A public hearing on SB152 will be held by the full committee Tuesday 4/16 @10:15am in Repls Hall.

Meet a New Member

Rep. Kelleigh Murphy Bedford



Kelleigh has been interested in politics ever since she was about 5 years old, and came to the State House to see her mother, who was a State Representative at the time.

Since then, she worked for numerous campaigns, including Pat Buchanan and Ovide Lamontagne's, and for elected officials, such as Senator Bob Smith, in the role of Press Secretary.

She also has served on the School Board and the Board of Mayor & Alderman in Manchester, and recently became a Town Councilor in Bedford.

Kelleigh has practiced Family Law for almost a decade, and finds the Children and Family Law Committee a perfect match for her interests and area of expertise.

She has two young children of her own, Alexandra and Aidan. If this weren't enough to keep her busy, Kelleigh owns her own company and plays on a kickball team.

Kelleigh sits next to her husband, the Honorable Keith Murphy, in seat 3-107. Stop by and say hello!

Like many of us, Tracy decided to run for office to see if he could make a difference. In his own words, "I found myself complaining and said to myself *you've got to get off the bench and be part of the game.*"

As a Business Broker, he is concerned about the current environment which makes it harder for companies to expand and grow in our state. He started his own Marketing Consulting business in Massachusetts many years ago, and decided to move it to New Hampshire. He is hoping to help recapture the business-friendly reputation we once had here. Tracy has an MBA and PhD in Business Administration.

Tracy's main hobby is work, but finds time for family - his wife of 25 years, 2 children, and 5 grandchildren - and physical fitness almost daily. Please say hello to Tracy in the House Labor Committee or in seat 3-96.

Rep. Tracy Emerick Hampton



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Next Week Preview

The House will not be in session again until April 24th. In the coming weeks House committees will begin to hear bills past by the State Senate.

Here is a list of a few Senate Bills having hearings next week:

- **SB 126**- relative to business practices between motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, and dealers. (Prime Sponsor: Sen. Sanborn)
- **SB152 -FN-A-L** -relative to video lottery and table gaming. (Prime Sponsor: Sen. D'Allesandro)
- **SB75**- relative to games of chance. (Prime Sponsor: Sen. Hosmer)
- **SB123 -FN-L**-relative to the use of proceeds from the regional greenhouse gas initiative program. (Prime Sponsor: Sen. Stiles)

Rep. Cebrowski's Amendment to HB2 (CONTINUED)...

In order to boost revenue to our state without increasing taxes paid by our current business sector would be to expand our business sector. This amendment would have helped to increase our BET and BPT revenues, ensuring that our core responsibilities are adequately funded without the need for new or increased fees or taxes.

As the [New Hampshire Business Review recently reported](#), there are only 2 staffers at DRED who work on business recruitment. They do a great job, but the economic development department's budget is stretched so thin, only about \$8000 is left for recruitment marketing and travel. In context, other states have much more staff and resources.

Rep. Cebrowski's amendment is the kind of aggressive pro-business policy that we should be exploring. In order for New Hampshire to compete in the 21st century Republicans, and our legislature as a whole, should seek to continue to improve our business climate and incentives for businesses to relocate here. Those efforts are amplified by having a robust economic development team pitching our state to perspective companies. Such an effort does involve an appropriation of tax dollars, but will no doubt produce a return on that investment.

