

Quote of the Week

"No government ever voluntarily reduces itself in size. Government programs, once launched, never disappear. Actually, a government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life we'll ever see on this earth!"

-Ronald Reagan

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Welcome - Our First Issue

Welcome to our first issue of the Republican Review. The Republican Review is a newsletter that will be sent out regularly depending on the volume of content each week.

Included in each issue will be a variety of important informational tidbits regarding all things having to do with the New Hampshire State House.

Among the items that will be covered are:

- Information on important upcoming legislation
- Upcoming Events
- Recaps of the week's House session
- Important Tips and Talking Points
- Member Spotlights
- Press quotes from the week
- And much more!

We hope that this newsletter is informational for both elected officials and party activists around the state.

Rep. Chandler's Testimony Opposing HB617



For the record, I am Rep. Gene Chandler. I represent the towns of Bartlett, Harts Location and Jackson and also serve as the House Republican Leader.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my

opposition to House Bill 617 which by now I'm sure you are aware, is an 83% tax increase on the backs of our state's families and businesses.

Beyond this being an extremely high increase in the rate, it is also important to note that now is simply not the right time to impose such a measure. With our economy still in a very fragile state, the last thing our New Hampshire families need is to see their gas prices rise. It doesn't stop with increased gas prices

though. Increased fuel costs of any kind will force our state's business to inevitably pass along additional burdens to the consumer. This means that not only will New Hampshire families pay more at the pump, but they will also pay more for essential goods and services across the state.

In addition, it is important to mention that before we start imposing tax increases we need to make sure we are complying with all state laws and the...

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ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Senate Bill 1

In session Wednesday, the House passed SB 1 which increases the R&D tax credit. It passed the House 342-7.

“This is exactly the kind of innovative and business friendly reform our economy needs to create real growth”

**-House Republican Leader
Gene Chandler**

“SB1 shows NH is making efforts to compete with neighboring states to attract new companies and gives our existing business community the green light to expand and hire.”

**-House Republican Policy
Leader Laurie Sanborn**

LobbyGate

This past week, we saw Governor Hassan stumbling over her words and refusing to answer questions when pressed about allegations that she asked Executive Branch officials to engage in ‘inappropriate lobbying.’

The *Concord Patch* reported that during a press availability, Josh Rogers of NHPR continued to ask for Gov. Hassan to comment, but she refused to directly answer the question.

[See Chairman Horn’s full letter to the Governor here.](#)

Passed on Consent

HB 676- extending the Coos county job creation tax credit

This bill extends by 5 years the ability for businesses to receive a \$750-\$1000 credit against BET for each job created. This bill also extends this credit to other non-Coos towns with high unemployment.

HB 581- relative to recovering moneys from a neighboring state for mitigation of flooding

This bill enables the AG to more aggressively pursue as much as \$4million owed to several towns in NH by MA for flood control measures. Town budgets are strapped. It’s time MA paid their outstanding bills.

Important Dates

- **Republican Caucus-** Wednesday March 20th at 9:00am in LOB 305-307 (*Open to House Republican Members Only*)
- **House Session-** Wednesday March 20th at 10:00am and tentatively on Thursday March 21st.
- **Regional Budget Hearings:**
 - CLAREMONT, Monday, March 18 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center, 111 South Street, Claremont. (*Open to the public*)
 - ROCHESTER, Monday, March 18 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Rochester Community Center, 150 Wakefield Street, Rochester. (*Open to the public*)
- **IMPORTANT-** Help Elect Win Hutchinson State Rep! Contact Jake Avery at jacob@nhgop.org or 603-225-9341 to see how you can help for the Special Election on Tuesday March 19th.

Rep. Chandler’s Testimony Opposing HB617 Continued...

Constitution to assure that the appropriate amount of highway fund monies are actually going to fix our highways. The legislature’s reluctance to follow the law shouldn’t result in a million dollar tax increase for the taxpayer.

Few debate that our roads and bridges need additional attention, but is taking hundreds of millions of dollars out of the pockets of

New Hampshire consumers really the solution to the problem?

This is the wrong bill at the wrong time, and I would kindly ask the committee to recommend ITL.

Sincerely,

Gene G. Chandler



Letter to the Editor Writing Tips

A Letter to the Editor (LTE) can be a great way to let your constituents know what's happening in the State house, as well as to share your opinions on a particular bill/issue or even explain a vote.

Follow these tips to ensure your letter gets published and has the greatest impact possible.

Write on a Timely Subject.

Attempt to submit your article within 10 days of the event you're writing about.

Refer to a Recent Article.

If possible, reference a recent article in the newspaper you've selected so your letter adds to an existing conversation.

Keep your letter focused on only one subject.

Be Clear and Concise. Editors often edit for length, so try to convey your message in fewer than 200 words.

State Your Point

Early. State your main point in the subject line and first sentence of the letter.

Write from a Local Perspective.

Illustrate how the topic will affect the lives of your readers.

Write Sincerely and Respectfully.

Use persuasive language, humor, wit, and irony to help people connect with your letter. Also, remember that while a hostile tone may create a buzz and help your letter get published, it could do your cause harm in the long run.

Suggest Solutions/ Action.

Don't just point out the problem, tell your readers what they can do to fix it.

Include Information.

Some newspapers will call the author to verify his or her identity and address before printing.

2013 Democrat Legislative Priorities

Here is a list of some House Democrat sponsored legislation from the 2013 year.

Spoiler: More Taxes!

CACR2- This Constitutional Amendment seeks to allow for graduated taxes.

HB 168- This bill is a 33% tax increase on beer.

HB 185- This bill is a 25% increase on home fuel.

HB 330- This bill would allow for counties to adopt county wide income taxes.

HB 617- This bill is an 83% increase in the gas tax, which will cost NH families and businesses hundreds of millions of dollars.

HB 659- This bill increases the tobacco tax by 20cents, something that will directly hurt our state's border businesses.

HB 287- This bill eliminates all voter identification requirements past last year.

HB 582- This bill repeals the "early offer" system that was past last year.

HB 544- This bill would delete the prohibition on a state-based health exchanges, allowing for ObamaCare implementation in NH.

HB 135- This bill would repeal NH's "Stand Your Ground Law".

HB 370- This bill would repeal NH's school choice tax scholarship program.

Although we are in the Minority, we have been successful in killing CACR 2, HB 168, and HB 330 on the House floor.

In committee, Republicans have also worked to retain HB 544 and HB 582.

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Next Week's House Session

Next week's house session will be full of some attention grabbing pieces of legislation.

Here is a sneak peak at a few of them:

HB 135- relative to physical force in defense of a person and relative to the definition of non-deadly force.

Quick Analysis: This bill seeks to do away with our "Stand Your Ground Law".

HB 271- stating that New Hampshire will not accept expanded Medicaid.

Quick Analysis: This bill will prevent NH from accepting expanded Medicaid, a program which will cost our state 85 million dollars to implement over the next 10 years.

HB 595- relative to photo identification of voters.

Quick Analysis: This bill seeks to make changes to the Republican passed photo ID law from last year. One such change is eliminating a requirement to take a picture of those who lack an ID when registering to vote.

10 Taxes and Fees From HB2-Gov's Budget

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| 1) Increased Fishing License Fee | 5) New Fee-Making Authority to Fire Control Board | 8) Increasing Tobacco Tax on other tobacco products |
| 2) Delaying Business Profits Tax Loss Carryforward | 6) Delaying BET Exemption Expansion/Indexing for Inflation | 9) Delaying the Carry forward Period of Business Enterprise Tax Credits to Business Profits Tax |
| 3) Elimination of Education Tax Credit | 7) Increasing Tobacco Tax on Cigarettes | 10) New Bank Examination Fees |



State House Trivia

Question: What former NH Speaker and NH Senate President was Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce under President Nixon and had previously worked on Sen. Barry Goldwater's Presidential Campaign?

Send Answers to:
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