

## Quote of the Week

*“A government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take everything you have.”*

*Barry Goldwater*

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## House Session Review

On Wednesday, the House voted on a number of Senate bills.

Here are some of the results:

**SB 25**, relative to the treatment of medical support in child support cases- Passed (Voice Vote)

**SB 137-FN**, relative to sibling visitation rights.-Killed (Voice Vote)

**SB 189-FN**, relative to the licensure of fuel gas fitters and plumbers by a mechanical licensing board. – Amendment Adopted, then referred to Ways and Means as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee.

**SB 163**, establishing a commission to recommend legislation to prepare for projected sea level rise and other coastal and coastal watershed hazards.-Passed (228-124)

**SCR 1**, relative to special use permits in the White Mountain National Forest.-Tabled (163-154)

## Budget and Continuing Resolutions FAQ

### **The Senate's budget is likely to be very different than the version the House passed. What happens next?**

Once the Senate passes their version of the budget, just as with any other House bill the Senate amends, it will come back to the House for a concurrence vote. It is likely that House Democratic leadership will disagree with the Senate Republican budget. The Chair of House Finance may move to not concur with the Senate and request a committee of conference. The Speaker and Senate President will then appoint members to the committee. There will be 5 House members and 4 Senators who will negotiate in an attempt to reach with a consensus and produce a committee of conference report. In order for the report to pass, the committee vote must be unanimous. It will then go to the floor of each body for a vote. As is the case with all bills, committee of conference reports cannot be amended on the floor. Each body must have a majority vote to approve the report. If it passes both bodies, it then goes to the Governor for signature.

### **What happens if the House and Senate cannot come to a consensus in the committee of conference?**

A new committee of conference could be appointed, although that is not likely. At that point HB1 & HB2 die, as written. Assuming the situation is not resolved by the end of fiscal year, which is June 30, the House and Senate must pass a continuing resolution that would temporarily fund the State government for a specific period of time. The last CR that was crafted for this purpose in 2003 ([HJR3](#)) temporarily funded government at the level of the previous state budget for an additional 3 months. However, there is no statutory requirement that the CR keep funding levels constant.

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## ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

### House Joint Committee on Gaming Bill

On Thursday, the Joint House Finance and Ways and Means Committee heard presentations from the three sub-committees (Regulations, Revenue and Community Impact) on possible changes and concerns regarding SB 152.

Here are some of the highlights as per the *Union Leader*:

- Clearly define the state police's authority and limit political contributions associated with the casino.
- Enhanced authority for attorney general and a better defined judicial review process for the license selection.
- Lower minimum licensing fee from \$80 million to \$50 million and allow bids, also limit license to a 20 year period.
- Increasing the tax rate on video slot machine profit from 30 to 33.3 percent and on table games from 14 to 16 percent.
- Amend bill so that all revenue goes to the general fund.
- Casino will create 4,506 and 8,828 new problem gamblers and 2,483 and 5,424 pathological gamblers.
- Casino will hurt charitable gaming.

[Read the full story here.](#)

### House Tables SCR 1

Earlier this legislative year, the NH Senate decided to pass a new rule which stated that 2/3 vote was needed in order to begin consideration of any resolution. Because of this, the Senate has refused to hear any of the Democrat led House passed resolutions.

On Wednesday, Rep. Renny Cushing (D-Hampton) attempted to circumvent the Senate by amending a Senate resolution (SCR1) by adding multiple House resolutions to it. Among these House resolutions was one particularly ridiculous one calling on Congress to overturn the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision by amending the U.S. Constitution.

Thankfully, House Republicans were in no mood for this foolishness and led an effort to successfully table the amendment and the resolutions by a vote of 163-154.

## Important Dates

- **Republican Caucus-** Wednesday, May 22th at 9:00am in LOB 305-307 (*Open to House Republican Members Only*)
- **House Session-** Wednesday, May 22th at 10:00am
- **Memorial service for former House Speaker Harold Burns-** May 25th at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Whitefield.
- ★ **Committee to Elect House Republicans Fundraiser-** Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm in the Grappone Center in Concord. Tribute to Rep. Charlie Bass and the Bass Family. More Details to Come.

## House Passes Resolution in Support of Marathon Victims

On Wednesday, the House voted unanimously to approve a [resolution](#) brought forward by Republican Leader Gene Chandler, Majority Leader Stephen Shurtleff and Speaker Terie Norelli which [honored the victims and heroes of the Boston Marathon Tragedy](#).

The resolution also disavowed any “unfounded speculation or accusation that dishonors those affected by the tragic events in Boston”.

Republican Leader Gene Chandler had the following comments following the passage of the resolution:

“We felt it was imperative that the New Hampshire House show support, honor and respect for the victims of the terrible events in Boston, including Jeff Bauman, who has personified this human tragedy, helped achieve justice by identifying the suspects, and continues to be a source of inspiration for all of us as he recovers from his injuries.”

“This resolution was offered and passed on behalf of all the citizens of our great State. To all those affected by the attacks, first responders who aided the injured and to the law enforcement community that worked tirelessly to apprehend the suspects: New Hampshire stands with you. Any remarks made to the contrary are not representative of the New Hampshire House or the citizens Granite State.”



## Rep. Jim Gray



After retiring in 2010 from a long career as an engineer, manager and administrator of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Jim decided to give back and get more involved in politics. He's been a Ward moderator for 20 years, and has served on both Planning and School Boards in Rochester. These experiences make him a helpful and effective contributor in the Election Law committee.

When you meet Jim, you'll find it hard to believe he's old enough, but he is in fact a Vietnam Veteran and we thank him for his service to our country.

Jim has been married 42 years and is the father of 4. In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf. His seat is 438, please stop by and say hello.

Seven years ago, Glenn chose to move here from Connecticut, saying to himself "What better place than New Hampshire to live as a Republican interested in politics?" We couldn't agree more.

Back in Connecticut, Glenn was involved in town politics and served on the Board of Education and Board of Finance. He brings this experience plus background in the information technology industry with him to the Education committee.

Glenn's number one concern is the economy, and he is focused on improving the climate for businesses to operate in our state. He is enjoying his work at the State House tremendously, and has found it a great overall learning experience.

Glenn and his wife live in Tuftonborough, and he also serves Moltonborough and Sandwich in the new Carroll County district 4. His kids are all grown up and spread across the country. Please welcome Glenn on the next Session day at seat 372.

## Rep. Glenn Cordelli



## How to Contact Your State Representative

Have a constituent concern or would just like to tell your State Representative what you think?

The best way to find your Representative's contact information is by using the following link:  
<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/wml.aspx>.

From here, select the town you live in and click the "Go!" button.

You can also search for your Representative by name by going to this link:  
<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/memberlookup.aspx>

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## Next Week Preview

The House will not be in session again until May 22<sup>nd</sup>, but there will still be quite a few important items going on at the State House next week.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee is expected vote on the gas tax (HB 617) on Tuesday after 10:00am in SH 103.

The Joint House Finance and Ways and Means Special Committee on casino gaming (SB 152) will present amendments and are expected to vote on the legislation on Wednesday at 1:00pm in LOB 210-211.

## Budget and Continuing Resolutions FAQ CONT...

**What happens if the House and Senate approve a committee of conference report and the Governor vetoes it?**

The House and Senate will vote to sustain or override the veto. If the veto is overridden by a majority vote in both bodies, the budget becomes law on July 1. If the veto is sustained, HB1 & HB2 die, as written and as described previously, there must be a continuing resolution to fund government.

**What happens if the House and Senate do not pass a continuing resolution to temporarily fund State government?**

State government would essentially shut down.

**What is the deadline for the committee of conference to produce a report?**

June 20

**What is the deadline for the House to act on a committee of conference report?**

June 27

## Notes From the Republican Leader

Over the past few months there have been some comments made by Representatives and activists across our state that have not been reflective of the NH Republican Party or the NH House of Representatives.

These comments hurt the image of the Republican Party, and unfortunately give ammo to our detractors and allow them to continue what they do best, which is talk about everything but the issues themselves.

The people of NH have said time and time again that they want their elected officials to work on the issues that affect them most such as jobs, the economy and taxes.

We as Republicans are at our best when we talk about these issues, because we have the right ideas to get our friends and neighbors back to work by growing the businesses of our state instead of just growing the size of government.

When we create distractions we give our detractors the ability to side step these issues instead of answering the tough questions of why they wish to increase the gas tax 67%, state spending by 10% and taxes by over \$260 million.

We can win back the majority in the House only if we make sure we are wise, disciplined and focused on the issues, concerns and policies that our constituents, family, friends and neighbors hold most dear.

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Gene