

Quote of the Week

“A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have”

-
Gerald Ford

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House Session Review

The House was in session this week in order to act on the last of the Senate bills.

Here is a list of some of the bills that the full House voted on:

SB 47, relative to a surviving spouse's right to retain a Purple Heart plate.
Passed (188-158)

SB 41, revising the New Hampshire business appropriations act, RSA 293-A.
Passed w/ amendment (336-0)

SB 48, relative to school performance and accountability.
Passed w/ amendment (198-134)

SB 129-FN, relative to court-ordered placements in shelter care facilities and at the Sununu Youth Services Center.
Passed w/ amendment (179-132)

SB 146-FN-L, relative to aid to the permanently and totally disabled and old age assistance.
Passed (190-100)

SB 148-FN, relative to electric renewable portfolio standards.
Passed w/ amendment (170-113)

Medicaid Expansion Myths

MYTH: If New Hampshire expands Medicaid 58,000 people without health insurance will be covered.

FACT: According to the state's expert consultant on Medicaid expansion, the Lewin Group, of the 58,000 people expected to be covered by Medicaid expansion only 24,000 are currently uninsured. The other 34,000 currently have private health insurance and would be shifted from private insurance onto Medicaid at an increased cost to taxpayers.

MYTH: Expanding Medicaid does not cost the state anything.

FACT: Medicaid expansion will have a net cost to New Hampshire taxpayers of nearly \$200 million over the next seven years. This is the combination of the \$85.5 million the Lewin Group estimates expansion will cost, combined with up to \$113.7 million the state would save by not expanding. Once the federal match drops to 90%, state costs will be upwards of \$50 million annually.

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ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

House GOP Supports Senate Budget

On Tuesday, House Republican Leadership held a press conference expressing their support for the Senate Finance Committee's budget.

The Senate's version of the budget takes out multiple anti-economy and anti-business taxes, such as the gas tax and cigarette tax.

It also takes out expanded Medicaid and instead creates a commission to study the benefits and disadvantages of expansion.

Joe Osgood (R) Wins Special Election!

On Tuesday, Republicans picked up an additional seat in a Special Election in Claremont.

Joe Osgood (R) defeated Larry Converse (D) 332- 246 and will now represent Claremont's Ward 2.

Claremont is a long time Democrat stronghold, and this defeat is certainly a blow to the New Hampshire Democrat Party, and has also been described as an indictment of Gov. Maggie Hassan.

To read more about this Special Election, [click here](#).

Important Dates

- **Republican Caucus**- No Caucus Next Week
- **House Session**- No Session Next Week



Committee to Elect House Republicans Fundraiser- Friday, June 21st at 6:00pm in the Grappone Center in Concord. Tribute to Rep. Charlie Bass and the Bass Family.

Medicaid Expansion Myths Continued

MYTH: If New Hampshire doesn't expand Medicaid we will be passing up \$2.5 billion in free federal money.

FACT: There is no such thing as free money from Washington. With a \$3.8 trillion federal budget and a nearly \$17 trillion federal debt, taxpayers across the country are already saddled with enormous costs to fund the federal government. This new expansion will only add to that burden.

MYTH: Everybody is doing it.

FACT: Twenty-six other states have exercised the authority granted to them by the U.S. Supreme Court to take a wait and see approach on Medicaid expansion. Taking the time to study this issue carefully in order to craft a model that protects taxpayers, patients and providers will not impact the state's ability to expand in the years ahead.

To read more about Medicaid Expansion, and to see the full Press Release the above information was attributed from, visit [Citizens for a Strong New Hampshire](#).

You can also sign up for their [weekly Newsletter here](#).



Rep. Karel Crawford



Karel is no stranger to politics, having served on the School Board and Select Board for 18 years, many of which as Chair, in her home town of Moultonborough. She has lived there with her family for 35 years.

As a Drivers Education instructor and entrepreneur since 1998, Karel finds the Transportation committee a good match for her background and interests. She decided to run for State Representative to improve the environment for small businesses and to keep people working in our state.

Karel is married to David, a retired State Trooper. Her two daughters are grown, and now Karel tries to spend most of her limited free time with her 2 grandchildren. In addition to Moultonborough, Karel represents the towns of Sandwich and Tuftonboro. Please stop by seat 357 and say hello.

Rep. Romeo Danais



You might think of Romeo as a "city person" because he is well known for his real estate group and developing, owning and managing industrial properties in the Greater Manchester area. However, Romeo lives on a beautiful, rural farm in Nottingham where he raises chickens, ducks and beef.

Romeo serves on the Executive Departments and Administration committee, and represents the towns of Candia, Deerfield and Nottingham. He served in the US Army and graduated from West Valley College. When he's not otherwise busy with business, politics or General Butler Farm, he enjoys photography.

Please introduce yourself to Romeo at seat 3100.

House Unanimously Passes Senate Bill 41

On Wednesday, the House voted 336-0 to pass SB 41. This bill revises the New Hampshire business corporations act, which is statute that hasn't been updated in 20 years.

After the House passed the bill, Sen. Bradley, the bill's Prime Sponsor, [released the following statement](#) praising the House's action:

““This legislation is the result of the dedicated and diligent work of some of the best business minds in New Hampshire who have helped us to craft a uniquely New Hampshire bill that will update our corporate statutes and attract new businesses to the state. I was proud to work with our state’s job creators and other interested parties as the sponsor of this key, bipartisan, pro-business bill, and thank all 336 members of the House – Democrats and Republicans alike – who stood with us today in passing this legislation. Together, we look forward to Governor Hassan joining us and signing SB41 into law.”

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Senate Action

On Thursday the Senate was in session. The most important matter of business was passing their version of the budget, but they also acted on a number of House bills.

Here are some of the more attention grabbing items they voted on:

HB1, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015.
(Passed w/Amendment-13-11)

HB2, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures.
(Passed w/Amendment-13-11)

HB25, making appropriations for capital improvements.
(Passed w/Amendment-Voice Vote)

HB220, relative to the New Hampshire medal of honor.
(Passed w/Amendment-Voice Vote)

HB 260, relative to the children in need of services (CHINS) program.
(Passed w/Amendment-Voice Vote)

HB295, requiring criminal background checks for volunteers and employees at youth skill camps.
(Passed- Voice Vote)

HB 542, relative to electric renewable portfolio standards.
(Passed w/Amendment-Voice Vote)

HB 668, relative to group and individual health insurance market rules.
(Killed 13-11)



Notes From the Republican Leader

We have been very encouraged by all the positive feedback surrounding this publication. It seems to be a great way to keep our Representatives and party activists updated with all of the happenings here in Concord.

Just as a reminder though, as we head into the summer there will be less legislative action to report on so the *Republican Review* will be sent out less frequently and on an as needed basis.

As always though, if you ever need anything, feel free to give us a call directly at the office number which is 603-271-3665.

Thank you for all of your feedback and support!

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