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## House Republican Leader Comments on Job Killing Minimum Wage Bill

CONCORD - House Republican Leader Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett) offered the following statement relative the House vote on HB1403, which raises the minimum wage in New Hampshire by 24% to \$9 per hour. The bill passed by a 173-118 vote.

### House Republican Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett)

“This bill will negatively affect our job climate in New Hampshire and threaten the viability of many small and medium sized businesses especially in the hospitality industry, which many workers in our state depend on. For many small employers, a government mandated 24% wage increase is just not affordable, and they may have to reduce their overall number of employees or try to raise prices to compensate. In this economy, this is not a viable option.”

“The Congressional Budget Office estimates that with this type of increase, between 500,000 and 600,000 jobs could be lost nationally, with as many as 2000 jobs cut in New Hampshire.”

“Just one medium sized restaurant in the Mount Washington Valley stated that it would cost them \$20,000 to pay for this increase. In this economy there is no way they can afford this.”

“Raising the minimum wage will also eliminate job opportunities for our young workers who rely on entry level, part time, or seasonal jobs for valuable work experience.”

“Our business community is compassionate and more than capable of making reasonable decisions that best suits the needs of their employees and the viability of their businesses.”

“Republicans aren’t against higher wages. We are proponents of creating the economic conditions for businesses to thrive to ensure everyone has the opportunity to earn a decent wage. Government mandates do exactly the opposite.”

“Tying the minimum wage to an unpredictable index sets us up for major trouble. The Consumer Price Index can increase in a bad economy. I can’t imagine how proponents of this bill plan on explaining future automatic wage increases even during a recession. This could have disastrous consequences for our mom-and-pop operations.”

### Important Upcoming Dates & Events

Tuesday March 18	10:00AM	House Finance Exec Session on SB413
Wednesday, March 19	9:00AM	Republican Caucus
Wednesday, March 19	10:00AM	House Session
Thursday, March 20	10:00AM	House Session
Tuesday, March 25	10:00AM	Possible House Session (TBD)
Wednesday, March 26	10:00AM	House Session
Thursday March 27	10:00AM	House Session, if necessary / Deadline to Act

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## Open House Day 2014

**Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:30am – 2:00pm**

### Tentative Agenda:

8:30 am	Registration Opens
8:45 am	Coffee / Breakfast
9:00 am	Opening remarks from House Republican Leaders & Party Leaders
9:40 am	Introduction / Pairing with mentors for the day
10:00 am	Attend policy committee hearings with mentor
11:00 am	Tour of the State House
Noon	Lunch at Upham Walker House (adjacent to the State House)
1:00 pm	Meet in Representatives Hall with presentation from House Clerk's Office / optional additional tour of state house
Wrap Up	Q&A with House Leadership/closing remarks & next steps

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## House Republican Leader Congratulates Kenney on Victory in Council Race

CONCORD - House Republican Leader Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett) offered the following statement congratulating Republican Joe Kenney, the victor in the highly contested Executive Council race in District 1.

### House Republican Leader Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett)

“Joe ran an exceptional campaign in a very difficult district to navigate. This is a positive start for Republicans in a competitive election year. This should provide encouragement and incentive for Republicans to come forward and seek election to the NH House and other offices in 2014.”

“House Republicans are grateful to have Joe back in the State House and to have an additional Republican on the Executive Council to keep an eye on state spending and appointments. I’m sure he will be a worthy successor to my good friend Ray Burton. I and other House members look forward to working with him in Concord and at home in District 1.”

## LEGISLATIVE ALERT: HB1264

Next Wednesday, HB1264 is coming to the floor for a full vote from the House. The underlying bill was a good, well intentioned bill to correct the disconnect between the statutes and the rules, RSA 159:6-d, I requires that any non-resident carry on his person a license from the state which he resides. However, at the Executive Session, a surprise amendment was introduced that replaced the underlying bill with something completely different – a study commission with broad and extensive study area, with politically charged focus.

Republicans on the committee objected to the introduction of the amendment, that was such a dramatic departure from the original intent of the bill. The Chair ruled it germane and the amendment was adopted without any further public hearing. The amendment is clearly an attempt to further the discussion on universal background checks and scrutiny on gun owners. It is sponsored and championed by supporters of the previous bill, HB1589. The amendment to HB1264 differs from the study committee proposed by Republicans during the debate on HB1589. The makeup of the Democrat study committee is different and subject matter focus of the study commission is clearly meant to frame the discussion against gun owners and 2nd amendment rights.

This House, just this year, has already dismissed a bill that sought to do what the study commission is charged with studying. HB1589 was defeated by an overwhelming majority - 242-118 for ITL. Do not let Democrats and anti-second amendment groups hijack this bill for the purposes of grandstanding with a biased study committee.

### CORRECTION:

In last week’s Republican Review, our advertisement for the Open House 2014 incorrectly said that April 3<sup>rd</sup> was a Tuesday. It is, in fact, a Thursday. The date was correct. The day of the week was not.

**The event is Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our apologies for the confusion.**

## PRE-CROSSOVER SESSION SCHEDULE

Due to the amount of House bills for this session and reporting deadlines, as previously announced we will be meeting for House session on Wednesdays and Thursdays until Cross over when we return from break. For planning purposes, below is a tentative schedule for House sessions until Crossover:

Wednesday, March 19- all day  
 Thursday, March 20- all day  
 Tuesday, March 25 (if necessary to catch up)  
 Wednesday, March 26- all day  
 Thursday, March 27- all day

Note: Half day sessions will begin at 1:00pm, and all day sessions will begin at the usual 10:00am unless otherwise indicated by the Speaker.

### ICYMI: HOUSE SESSION RECAP

#### **BILL PASSES FORCING LANDLORDS TO ACCEPT SECTION 8 TENANTS & OTHERS**

HB1409 passed the House in a vote of 147-141. This bill would prohibit housing discrimination against recipients of rental assistance as well as victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

As the minority blurb states, the business community believes section 8 vouchers require higher levels of bureaucratic compliance and higher insurance costs. This entitles people to special treatment and higher entitlement that has no limitations.

#### **HOUSE APPROVES BILL PROTECTING CITIZENS FROM UNWARRANTED SURVEILLANCE BY DRONES**

HB1620 passed the House on Wednesday. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Neal Kurk (R-Weare), regulates the use of drones by government agencies and individuals. It also establishes criminal penalties and civil remedies for violations of the law.

The bill passed the House on a voice vote and will now go on to the Senate.

#### **HOUSE REJECTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION, VOTES TO KILL MANDATORY HEADLIGHT USE BILL**

In a bill that modified when drivers could use headlamps, HB1601 failed on the House floor on Wednesday despite the committee recommendation of OTP. The bill mandated headlight use between sunset and sunrise.

The amendment was adopted in a vote of 164-161, however, the motion of OTP/A failed 151-182. Rep. Vaillancourt made the motion of ITL, which killed the bill on a voice vote.

#### **OTHER BILL ACTION OF NOTE**

- HB1170 - Repeal of the Death Penalty (Passed 225-104)
- HB1625 - Reducing penalties for marijuana possession (Passed 125-92)
- HB1626- Expanded Gaming (Failed 187-102)
- HB1628 - Expanded Gaming (Failed 238-54)
- HB1633 - Expanded Gaming (Failed 173-144)
- HB1541- Prohibiting the state and towns from acquiring military-equipped vehicles (Failed 162-109)

## House Republican Policy Leader to be Featured at GOPAC Town Hall

Washington, D.C. –[GOPAC](#) announced New Hampshire House Republican Policy Leader, Representative Laurie Sanborn (R-Bedford), will be featured at their Emerging Leaders Town Hall on March 15, 2014 during the [Northeast Republican Leadership Conference](#) in Nashua, New Hampshire. The panel will also include state Senator Bryce Reeves (VA), and state Representative Tony Hwang (CT). As part of GOPAC's Emerging Leaders program, the Town Hall will promote these promising state leaders and provide them a platform to advance the ideas and solutions they are championing.

### **GOPAC Chairman Frank Donatelli**

“As the Republican Policy Leader in the New Hampshire House, Representative Sanborn is leading efforts to advance ideas for more private sector jobs. She is very effective at explaining how conservative principles can be applied to provide common sense solutions. For example, among her accomplishments is improving fairness of audits on small business by putting the burden of proof on the state Department of Revenue.”

### **House Republican Policy Leader Laurie Sanborn (R-Bedford)**

“I am honored to be selected by GOPAC and look forward to leading a Republican resurgence in New Hampshire with a focus on jobs, the economy, and small government.”

## More Stories of State Insurance Exchange Troubles

In previous issues, we've compiled information on the troubles our neighboring states have experiences in the set up and implementation of their state-run Obamacare insurance exchanges. They are not alone. Here are more examples:

### **Oregon**

Four months after its originally planned launch date of 1 October 2013, the \$220 million site still hasn't signed up one person for healthcare insurance. Some 35,000 Oregonians have been enrolled in Cover Oregon via paper applications; the state has had to hire 400 workers, at a cost of \$4 million, to process those applications. It is still unclear, however, when (or if) the Cover Oregon's website will get up and running. ([ieee.org](#))

### **Minnesota**

In Minnesota, \$160 million has been spent on MNSure, which is only just sputtering along. Problems include informing applicants that, according to the *Caledonia Argus*, “they're eligible for the wrong tax credit or no credit at all, even if your income entitles you to it.” There is also major understaffing at the call center set up to answer applicant questions. An outside appraisal of MNSure says that the exchange website's problems are so great, that it could take up to **two more years** before they are fixed. The state had projected that 135,000 people would have used MNSure to enroll in health care insurance plans by now, but so far only about 28,000 Minnesotans have done so. ([ieee.org](#))

### **Maryland:**

The release of Maryland's health care website was extremely glitch prone and essentially nonfunctional. In fact, so much so that a mere four individuals managed to sign up for a plan through the website in the first 24 hours. Even after \$170 million of taxpayer money was spent to finance this ill-fated government program, the website is still highly dysfunctional and taxpayers have been shelling out millions more to fix it since the disastrous October 1<sup>st</sup> 'launch. ([atr.org](#))

## HONORING CANINE HEROES

## March 19-20 Session Preview

On Thursday a bill passed the House on a voice vote that would establish a Canine Veterans' Day, which would be held each year on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

One of the co-sponsors of the HB1451 has a special connection to this bill. Rep. Skip Rollins' son, Army Spec. Justin Rollins, was killed in Iraq in 2007. The family was reunited with Hero, the puppy Justin found the night before he was killed. Hero now lives with Rep. Rollins and his family in Newport, NH.

HJR12, requesting Anthem extend its coverage to include one hospital in every county in NH

HB1411, relative to restoring moneys to the department of health and human services

HB1378, repealing sugar packet requirements

HB1264, relative to carrying of firearms by nonresidents

HB1503, including "fetus" in the definition of "another" for the purpose of certain criminal offenses

HB1351, prohibiting tanning facilities from tanning persons under 18 years of age

HB435, relative to funding for charter school pupils

HB1635, relative to community mental health programs and making appropriations therefor

HB1591, establishing the right-to-know grievance commission

HB1499, making changes in the maximum weekly benefit amount of unemployment compensation

### Note from the Republican Leader:

House Republicans,

Another week of session means another week of outrageous bills from the Democrats. Soon you should be receiving a note from your committee whip in regards to 2 particularly bad bills coming up next week on the House floor.

First is HB1264 which started out as a good bill that permits a nonresident from a state that does not require a license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver to carry in NH. However, the Democrats tacked on a surprise amendment, similar to previously killed HB1589, which would continue the discussion on universal background checks.

The second is HB1635, which is similar to the HB1411 we whipped last week. The bill re-opens the state budget for 2014-15 to increase spending in the HHS department. HB 1635 adds GF \$8,252,870 over 2014 and 2015 to cover the state's share of the mental health lawsuit settlement. We believe all surplus dollars should be put in the rainy day fund.

I hope you will join me in voting against the OTP/A on HB1264 and against OTP on HB1635.

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### IN MEMORIAM

This week, we remember 2 former Republican House members who recently passed:

Hon. Larry Emmerton (Goffstown), served 12 terms in the NH House  
Hon. Dr. Jim Pilliod (Belmont), served 8 terms in the NH House