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**Upcoming Dates
& Events**

3/25 @ 9:00AM
Republican Caucus
LOB Room 307

3/25 @ 10:00AM
House Session

3/26 @ 10:00AM
House Session

3/27 @ TBD
House Session
(If Necessary)

3/27
CROSSOVER
Last day to act on
all remaining
House Bills

4/3
OPEN HOUSE
for prospective
candidates
(see flyer inside)

This week the House passed 2 bills that reopen the state budget and spend 2013 surplus funds and anticipated surplus funds from the current budget. Republicans offered an amendment to put the entire 2013 surplus into the Rainy Day fund. That amendment was defeated by a near party line vote. Below are statements from House Republican Leader Gene Chandler on the 2 bills.

House Republican Leader Comments on Bill That Spends 2013 Surplus Funds

CONCORD - House Republican Leader Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett) offered the following statement relative to House vote on HB1411, a bill that spends rather than saves 2013 budget surplus dollars, and reopens the budget to increase spending at the Department of Health and Human Services. The bill passed by a vote of 185-153. An amendment sponsored by Rep. Chandler and Rep. Kurk proposed depositing all \$15.3 million in surplus funds into the Rainy Day fund. The amendment failed by a vote of 157-172.

House Republican Leader Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett)

"We passed a 2 year state budget last year with a bipartisan majority. We cannot begin reopening the budget to increase spending whenever a state agency needs a boost. It's setting a very dangerous precedent. The state has the equivalent of less than 1% of general fund revenue in its rainy day account. This is unacceptable. Without adequate savings, the state has little or no cushion if revenues fall too short of projections. The State Treasurer has recommended putting the entire \$15.3 million of surplus funds in the rainy day fund. It will strengthen our state's finances and credit, and in our opinion it's the right thing to do. Ratings agencies such as Moody's suggest in order to maintain a AA1 rating, a minimum of 5% should be in reserve. That equals about \$70 million for New Hampshire. The amendment Republicans offered proposed to put the entire surplus into the Rainy Day Fund, which is the financially responsible place to put it. \$15 million is a small but necessary step towards that goal."

House Republican Leader Comments on Additional Bill That Spends Anticipated Surplus

CONCORD - House Republican Leader Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett) released the following statement relative to the House vote on HB1635, the second bill of the week that reopens the state budget to increase spending by using estimated budget surplus dollars. The bill passed by a vote of 173-125.

House Republican Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett)

"In just two days, the Democratically controlled House has passed two bills that spend surplus funds and reopen the budget to increase spending. This is not fiscally responsible. We had an opportunity to bolster our state rainy day fund by saving the entire 2013 surplus, something the State Treasurer agrees is the right thing to do. Yesterday, when the House passed HB 1411, almost half of those funds were spent. Now, by passing HB1635, we are not only opening up the budget once again, we're spending money we don't have yet. We're now proposing to use funds from the current budget surplus, which is only anticipated, not guaranteed. This is a disturbing trend that most New Hampshire citizens wouldn't consider for their own household budgets."

The New Hampshire House Republican Office

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The New Hampshire Federation of Republican Women
& The New Hampshire Republican State Committee

invites all prospective legislative candidates and those seeking to learn more about the New Hampshire Legislature to our

Open House Day 2014

Thursday, April 3rd

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

To register, please visit:

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and fill out the quick registration form

For questions, please email:

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House Republican Leader Statement on House Action on HB1264

CONCORD - House Republican Leader Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett) offered the following statement following House action on HB 1264, a bill originally intended to address concealed carry permit rules for out-of-staters, but via an amendment, was changed to a study commission with a politically charged focus. The bill was tabled by a vote of 186-150.

House Republican Leader Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett)

“A simple bill with good intentions was targeted by anti-second amendment advocates in the legislature as a vehicle for their agenda. The bill, as amended, was a dramatic departure from the intent of the original bill and is clearly an attempt to further the discussion on universal background checks and scrutiny on gun owners. The House, just over a month ago, already dismissed HB1589, a bill that sought to study similar issues. The bill was defeated by an overwhelming bipartisan majority, 242-118.”

“Clearly the procedural questions that were raised during the debate were enough to convince a bipartisan majority of the House that HB 1264 should not move forward. The House has rules and procedures by which we should operate and many members thought this was the wrong bill brought about the wrong way.”

“This is another demonstration that the majority of New Hampshire House members respect the Second Amendment and the rights of gun owners.”

House Republicans Comment on Passage of Paint Tax Bill

CONCORD - House Republican Leader Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett) and member of the House Environment & Agriculture Committee, John O'Connor (R-Derry), offered the following comments relative to House action today on HB1570, a bill that would impose a tax on paint sellers that would fund a new government program for paint disposal. The bill passed by a vote of 161-142.

House Republican Leader Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett)

“This bill proposes a new tax, is anti-free-market, and anti-small business. This bill would impose a new tax on paint, borne by the retailers. Some proponents may say that sellers could absorb the tax - currently 75 cents per gallon in the three states where the program is in effect. Maybe large box stores, with deep pockets can, but those small town mom-and-pop hardware stores cannot. This new tax will no doubt get passed on to the consumer in the form of higher prices. If this tax bill becomes law, New Hampshire consumers can look forward to higher home improvement costs.”

Rep. John O'Connor (R-Derry) House Environment & Agriculture Committee member

“Any paint manufacturer not willing to sign on with this program will not be allowed to sell their products in NH. This will essentially eliminate the ability for new, small paint companies to enter the New Hampshire market and reduce competition and stifles innovation.”

“The bill as proposed is far from ready for prime time and has too many weaknesses to name. There are major legal questions that have yet to be vetted by the Attorney General's office, including antitrust concerns. This tax bill picks favorites and hits small retailers and consumers without effectively addressing the full scope of the problem it's trying to resolve.”

Note from the Republican Leader:*Thank You*

Thank you to all of the House Republicans who spoke on the floor and participated in the parliamentary process throughout the Wednesday and Thursday sessions. We were able to achieve some small victories and effectively articulate Republican principles as a result of teamwork and coordination.

*Gene G. Chandler***ICYMI: HOUSE SESSION RECAP****BILL REPLACING PARENTAL CHOICE WITH STATE MANDATE BANNING TANNING FOR TEENS FAILS**

Under current state law, those under the age of 18 need parental permission to use tanning facilities. This give parents control and hopefully prevents teens from pursuing unreasonable or unhealthy amounts of tanning. It also allows parents to make reasonable decisions on behalf of their children to use tanning facilities either for legitimate medical reasons or to prevent sun damage prior to exposure in different climates.

HB1351 sought to replace that parental control with an outright ban on tanning for those under 18. Many House Republicans saw this as an unneeded intervention.

Prior to making a motion to indefinitely postpone (kill) the bill, Republican Steve Vaillancourt said, "A young women if this bill passes can get an abortion, but not a tan. An abortion would be legal but a tan would not, think of it."

The bill was killed 175-154.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS OBJECT TO TAX BILL ACTION PRIOR TO HEARING IN PROPER COMMITTEE

Several Republicans participated in the discussion on the House floor regarding HB1570, a bill that proposed to implement a fee on paint sellers that would fund a new government program for paint disposal. The bill passed by a vote of 161-142. However, House rule 46b clearly states:

"All bills and resolutions affecting state revenues and fees shall, if approved by the House when reported from the appropriate policy committee, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means"

The bill never received a hearing or review by the Ways & Means committee.

Despite Republican objections, the House Speaker ruled that no rule had been broken and the bill could be sent to third reading for final passage.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS SUPPORT CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING BILL, DEMS SEND IT TO INTERIM STUDY

HB435, a bill that would have restored the per pupil funding rate for public charter schools was sent to interim study on Wednesday, with the majority of House Republicans voting against the study and for passage of the bill.

Members of the Rockingham County delegation gathered around Rep. Deb DeSimone (Atkinson) on Thursday as she read memorial remarks honoring the life and public service of Rep. Amy Perkins who passed away last month.



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BY THE SEA
COUNTRY CLUB

We are excited to announce that Rep. Gene G. Chandler and the Committee to Elect House Republicans will be hosting their golf tournament on Monday, June 16th at Wentworth by the Sea, Rye, NH.

Registration is at 12noon, tee off is at 1pm, and the cost is \$150 per player. Please stay tuned for additional details on sponsorship opportunities etc.

March 25-27 Session Preview

SB 413 relative to health insurance access

House Republicans, please keep an eye out for communication from the House Republican Office and your committee whip for information regarding SB413.

HB 492 relative to the legalization and regulation of marijuana

HB 1432 delaying implementation of certain statewide assessments and studying the effects of delaying implementation of certain curriculum changes in the public schools

HB 1508 terminating state participation in the common core educational standards

HB 2014 relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement program