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House Republican Leaders Comment on Passage of SB 413

CONCORD - House Republican Leader Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett) and Ranking Republican on the House Finance Committee, Neal Kurk (R-Weare) offered the following statements in reaction to the House vote on SB413, relative to access to health insurance coverage. The bill passed the House by a 202-132 vote

House Republican Leader Gene Chandler (R-Bartlett)

“The majority of House Republicans weren’t convinced this bill is the right solution for New Hampshire. There are a number of Republican members who won’t vote for any program tied to the failed Obamacare law and the vote today reflected that. There are concerns about how the state will be able to pay for this type of entitlement expansion in perpetuity and if that could lead to significant budget problems down the road. This type and scale of program represents the largest increase in spending New Hampshire has seen for some time, and it is dependent on funding from the federal government which can’t seem to keep many promises.”

“In order to implement SB413 as written, the State requires approval from the federal government. Until then, we will be expending resources on something that may never fully materialize. Getting that approval prior to starting the program is common sense. Any household would want their permit approved prior to starting a large addition. If the waivers aren’t approved, we’ll have expended resources on startup and implementation costs and we’ll have extended coverage to citizens only to reverse course.”

Rep. Neal Kurk (R-Weare), Ranking Republican, House Finance Committee

“Republicans offered common sense amendments to add reasonable financial safeguards to the bill. We believe that if New Hampshire enters into this expansion of Obamacare, we should do our best to eliminate our exposure to fiscal disaster. Waivers should be in place before any aspect of any program moves forward. Cost and enrollment estimates are just estimates. There should be some mechanism by which the program cost or enrollment cannot balloon out of control. The cost of insuring the 50,000 able-bodied but low-income adults who, it is estimated, will qualify for the program is significant – about \$340 million a year once the program is up and running. When the federal funding share drops we need protections from runaway costs.”

Important Dates & Events

04/03/2014	Open House for prospective candidates (see flyer inside)
04/16/2014	House Session likely (TBD)
04/23/2014	House Session
06/16/2014	Committee to Elect House Republicans Golf Tournament

The New Hampshire House Republican Office

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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

Legislative Office Building Room 210

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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For questions, please email:

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603-271-3665

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Note from the Republican Leader:

House Republicans,

Although we were facing an uphill battle this week, Republicans offered many common sense amendments that would put in reasonable safeguards to the bill, but unfortunately the majority voted to expand Obama's signature disaster in our state. I'd like to thank all those who participated and helped in the fight against SB 413.

I'd also like to welcome our new House Republican Office staff member, Cynthia Coffin. If you haven't met Cynthia yet, please stop by SH307 and say hi!

Gene G. Chandler

ICYMI: HOUSE SESSION RECAP

AFTER GOING TO A SECOND COMMITTEE, BILL LEGALIZING AND TAXING MARIJUANA FAILS

After passing the House in January and going on to the Ways and Means committee, HB492 failed on a roll call vote of 192-140.

The bill would have legalized marijuana sales in the state of New Hampshire and put a tax on the sales.

There is still a bill that passed the House a couple weeks ago and is moving on to the Senate that will decriminalize marijuana in the amount of one ounce or less.

HOUSE SENDS BILL DELAYING IMPLEMENTATION OF STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS TO STUDY

HB1432, delaying the implementation of certain statewide assessments and studying the effects of delaying implementation of certain curriculum changes in the public schools, was sent to interim study on Wednesday in a roll call vote of 183-150.

The bill would have delayed the implementation of common core state standards for 2 years and required a legislative oversight committee to study the feasibility of implementing the planned education improvements in public schools.

The bill now moves on to the Senate.

BILL TERMINATING PARTICIPATION IN COMMON CORE STANDARDS FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE FAILS

HB1508 was voted ITL out of the Education committee 13-6. The bill was killed on the House floor Wednesday in a roll call vote of 201-138.

HB1508 would require the state board of education to terminate all plans, programs, activities and expenditures relative to the implementation of the common core state educational standards which have been adopted or may be adopted by the state board, including any assessments and instruction based upon such standards.

HOUSE APPROVES 10 YEAR HIGHWAY PLAN

The House approved HB2014 in a voice vote on Tuesday, which is the 10 year transportation improvement plan for 2015-2024.

HB2014 is not a budget bill, but a planning document that passed the House Public Works and Highways committee in a unanimous vote. It authorizes the commissioner of the department of transportation to make certain improvements to the turnpike system. It also authorizes the transfer of certain designated funds to certain projects in the 10-year highway plan.

Crossover

On Thursday it was the deadline for the House to act on all House bills and the last day for the Senate to act on all Senate bills on a day that is also known as Crossover. All the bills that have passed the House will now go over to the Senate and the bills that have passed the Senate cross over to the House.

Starting next week, the House will begin hearing the bills that were passed by the Senate. To check out the bills the House will be hearing, you can see the schedule for the next week in the House calendar, which can be found [here](#).

House members, if you have had bills that passed the House and are now in the possession of the Senate, please keep an eye on the Senate calendar so you know when the hearing will take place. The hearings and exec sessions for bills in the Senate can be found in their calendar [here](#).

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WENTWORTH
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.

APRIL 1-3 BILL HEARING PREVIEW

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| SB 357 | naming a scenic overlook and the visitor center on the northbound side of I-93 in Hooksett in honor of Raymond S. Burton. |
| CACR 17 | relating to natural rights. Providing that discrimination based on sexual orientation is prohibited. |
| SB 390 | prohibiting discrimination against employees who are victims of domestic violence and establishing a committee to study the protection of employees from domestic violence. |
| SB 295 | prohibiting an employer from using credit history in employment decisions. |
| SB 243 | relative to the carry forward of a credit against the business profits tax, rulemaking concerning the real estate transfer tax, the disclosure of certain department of revenue administration records, and the tax on unstamped tobacco products. |