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SB116: ADVANCING CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

SB 116 will be before the full House on Wednesday April 29th. The bill, which would repeal the license requirement for carrying a concealed pistol or revolver, received a unanimous vote of approval from Republicans on the House Criminal Justice committee who were present on the day of the vote.

Democrats, whose leadership in Concord and in Washington are traditionally opposed to enhancing or expanding 2nd Amendment rights, voted unanimously in opposition to the measure in committee.

SB 116 allows a person to carry a loaded, concealed pistol or revolver without a license unless such person is otherwise prohibited by state or federal statute. It does not change the prohibitions on who can buy or own a firearm. It simply extends rights for the vast majority of gun owners, who are law abiding citizens.

SB 116 promotes principles supported by the Republican Party platform and the House Republican Agenda, both of which support less government infringement on gun owners' constitutional rights.

SPECIAL ELECTION ALERT

The Rockingham Co. District 13 (Hampstead, Kingston) Special Election is this coming Tuesday, April 28th. Republican Dennis Green is working hard to keep this seat in Republican control.

To get involved, call the NHGOP at 603-225-9341 or email Todd Cheewing at todd@nhgop.org

6 MONTH REPORT REMINDER

Former candidates, future candidates, incumbents, & state PACs, did you have receipts or expenditures since the last campaign finance reporting period? Did you have a surplus or deficit as of your last report? NH election laws require that each candidate committee and/or PAC file a 6 month report. According to the Sec. of State handout:

"Any political committee or candidate who has any outstanding debt, obligation, or surplus following the election shall file reports at least once every 6 months thereafter until the obligation or indebtedness is entirely satisfied or surplus deleted, at which time a final report shall be made."

The deadline to submit your 6 month report is May 4, 2015. The form for political committees [can be found here](#). The form for candidate committees [can be found here](#). Questions? The Sec. of State's office can be reached at 603-271-3242

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 28** Rockingham Dist. 13 Special Election
- April 30** Last day to report on Senate Bills going to a 2nd committee
- May 7** Last day to act on Senate Bills going to a 2nd committee
- May 19** Rockingham Dist. 32 Special Election
- May 28** Last day to report all remaining SBs. Last day to report list of retained Senate Bills
- June 4** Last day to act on Senate Bills
- June 11** Last day to form Committees of Conference
- June 18** Last day to sign Committee of Conference Reports
- June 25** Last day to act on Committee of Conference Reports

The House will be in session Wednesday, April 29th at 10:00 a.m.
There will be a Republican caucus at prior to the House session at 9am in Reps Hall.

STAT OF THE WEEK

17%

There were 17% less people employed by the State of New Hampshire in 2014 than there were in 2007.
(See data table on page 2)

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“SLASH & BURN” RHETORIC CAN “CUT” BOTH WAYS

Democrats continue to mischaracterize spending reductions made in the House budget, frequently comparing House proposed spending levels to those in the Governor’s budget.

We thought it would be fair to use the same comparison method by reviewing some of the budget requests from agencies and pointing out how much the Governor “cut” from their budget proposals.

DHHS Request: \$5.166 billion.
Governor’s Budget: \$4.5 billion.

That’s a cut of \$660 million.

USNH Request: \$205 million.
Governor’s Budget: \$181 million.

That’s a cut of \$24 million.

DOT Request: \$1.299 billion.
Governor’s Budget: \$1.209 billion

That’s a cut of \$90 million.

In total, the Governor “slashed” more than \$1 billion from agency budget requests, which she proudly took credit for. However, when the House Republican budget proposes cutting an additional \$327 million, the sky begins to fall.

We’re not calling the governor a fiscal conservative. We’re providing real world context for the unfair criticism the House budget has received from partisan and ideological opponents.



State Employee Numbers by Year

Year	# of State Employees	% of Total State Employment
2014	17754	2.53%
2013	17921	2.54%
2012	17867	2.54%
2011	17820	2.52%
2010	18487	3.14%
2009	18735	3.29%
2008	18556	3.04%
2007	21590	2.99%
2006	21056	2.93%

Source: State of New Hampshire Annual Financial Report for FY2014

Note: Number of employees reflects individuals employed by the State and doesn’t necessarily include number of vacant positions, etc.

HOUSE SESSION PREVIEW

SB 116 – repealing the license requirement for carrying a concealed pistol or revolver.

Allows a person to carry a loaded, concealed pistol or revolver without a license unless such person is otherwise prohibited by NH or Federal statute.

Committee Recommendation: OTPA (10-6)

Leadership Recommendation: SUPPORT OTPA

SB 113 – relative to video lottery and table gaming.

Allows for the selection and operation of 2 casinos in New Hampshire, including the operation of video slot machines and table games.

Committee Recommendation: OTPA (11-10)

FLASHBACK FRIDAY

On September 4, 2013 UNH Student Body President [presented Governor Hassan with a Thank You Card for](#), “restoring funding and freezing in-state tuition,” after the Senate Republican budget she signed appropriated \$153 million to the University System for FY14-15.

Just 1 year, and 6 months later, [USNH Chancellor Todd Leach said](#), “I’m very concerned about the impact on our students and their families, and I’m concerned about the state’s economy and the work force if this level remains,” after the House Finance Committee proposed allocating the same \$153 million to the University System for the FY16-17 biennium.