

# Republican Review

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## CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY BILL PASSES OVERWHELMINGLY

CONCORD - House Majority Leader Jack Flanagan (R-Brookline) offered the following statement relative to the passage of SB 116, a bill that allows a person to carry a loaded, concealed pistol or revolver without a license unless such person is otherwise prohibited by New Hampshire statute. SB 116 passed by a vote of 212-150.

*“The vast majority of gun owners are law abiding citizens. SB 116 protects law abiding gun owners by advancing their right to carry a concealed firearm, as long as they are legally able to own one, without the subjective permitting process. This is a reasonable and long overdue measure that will extend freedom for our responsible firearms community, and will be an overall deterrent to crime.”*

*“Contrary to what opponents of the bill would like us to believe, SB 116 will not enable a proliferation of criminal activity. This bill does not extend rights of those who would be otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing a firearm. Those with criminal intent will continue to obtain, carry, and use firearms in illegal ways. Impeding the rights of lawful gun owners based on the actions of criminals is unfair. The House vote today reflects the sentiment of New Hampshire voters who overwhelmingly support laws that uphold our “Live Free or Die” motto.”*

SB116 now heads back to the Senate for a concurrence vote, then to the desk of Gov. Hassan, who has already promised to veto the bill.

## REPUBLICAN WINS ROCKINGHAM COUNTY SEAT



Dennis Green Takes 60% of the vote in Hampstead-Kingston district.

Decisive victory thwarts Dem attacks on House budget.

HAMPSTEAD - When the polls closed on Tuesday evening, Hampstead resident and Republican candidate Dennis Green was victorious over Democrat Carol Croteau in the Rockingham County District 13 special election.

Despite the district’s Republican leanings, state Democrats devoted significant time and resources to the special election hoping to sway the outcome in their favor and characterize the victory as [a referendum on the recent House budget vote](#).

Republican Dennis Green, who ran a great campaign and had a great voter turnout operation, won by an impressive 20% margin (60% - 40%)

Congratulations to Representative-Elect Green, who will be sworn in at the next available quorum of the Executive Council, possibly next Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. With Green’s addition, there will be 237 House Republicans seated.

The next special election will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> in Rockingham County district 32, which includes the towns of Northwood, Nottingham, Candia, and Deerfield.

The House will be in session Wednesday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m.  
 There will be a Republican caucus at prior to the House session at 9am in Reps Hall.  
 At 9:45am in Reps Hall, there will be an unveiling of New Hampshire’s original copy of The Administration of the 4th, 1876, a document marking the Centennial of American Independence.

<p><b>STAT OF THE WEEK</b></p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">93%</p> <p><b>93% OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS VOTED IN FAVOR OF SB116, THE CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY BILL.</b></p> <p>14 DEMOCRATS ALSO SUPPORTED THE BILL.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; padding: 5px;">INDEX</th> <th style="text-align: left; padding: 5px;">PG</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">HOUSE FINANCE APPROVES SB30</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">VOTER ID MOVES FORWARD</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">FROMUTH HONORED BY GOPAC</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">IMPORTANT DATES</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE INFO</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">ENROLLED BILL PROCESS INFO</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">BUSINESS CAUCUS ROUNDTABLE</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	INDEX	PG	HOUSE FINANCE APPROVES SB30	2	VOTER ID MOVES FORWARD	3	FROMUTH HONORED BY GOPAC	3	IMPORTANT DATES	3	COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE INFO	4	ENROLLED BILL PROCESS INFO	4	BUSINESS CAUCUS ROUNDTABLE	5
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## HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE GIVES BOOST TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Senate Bill 30 Now Moves to the Full House for Approval

Concord—The future of tourism, job creation and development in the state's North Country and other rural areas received a boost today when the Republican led House Finance committee unanimously approved a bill (SB 30) authorizing the Business Finance Authority to guarantee bonds for projects in unincorporated towns in New Hampshire.

While the legislation still must receive approval from the full House and the governor, Speaker Jasper called it a good step toward revitalizing the northern part of the state, "For those of us who campaigned on a platform of supporting policies that would create jobs and help our economy, this is an opportunity to fulfill that promise. This legislation lays the foundation for new economic development in Coos County, where unemployment rates are highest in the State, and paves the way for similar growth opportunities in other rural areas," said Speaker Jasper.

The bill extends the local option for municipal economic development and revitalization districts to include unincorporated places in addition to cities and towns. Twenty-three of the twenty-five unincorporated places in the state are located in Coos county, with the other two located in Carroll and Grafton counties.

"There is no silver bullet when it comes to staving off economic hardship, but SB 30 gives the area a rock solid chance of reinventing itself with the state's assistance, and bringing prosperity back to an economically challenged area of our state. I look forward to the day when the governor can sign this bill and economic development in our rural areas can move forward.," added the speaker.

If the bill is passed and signed by the governor, it would allow projects in the unincorporated towns of the state to apply for bond guarantees through the normal state Business Finance Authority (BFA) process, which would also require a full review and approval by the Governor.

The bill will come before the full House for a vote on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### ROCKINGHAM 32 SPECIAL ELECTION

## DEAN-BAILEY WORKING TOWARDS VICTORY

Yvonne Dean-Bailey, Republican nominee for the special election in Rockingham District 32 (Candia, Deerfield, Northwood, Nottingham) needs your help in the final weeks before election day on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

We can build on the momentum by helping Yvonne defeat Democrat Maureen Mann.

Do you have a spare afternoon or even a few hours to help contact voters in Yvonne's district? The NHGOP is coordinating grassroots voter outreach efforts.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call Todd at 603-225-9341 or via email at [todd@nhgop.org](mailto:todd@nhgop.org).

**SB 30-FN-L**, (2nd New Title) permitting counties with unincorporated areas to establish tax increment financing districts. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. J. Tracy Emerick for Finance. This bill is NOT a bill that provides funding to any project; that is the responsibility of the Business Finance Authority (BFA). This bill does four things: 1. Establishes the structure so the county commissioners and the county delegation can act as a taxing authority over unincorporated areas in their county. This puts bond repayment in the same category as tax payments in municipalities, at the front of the line for payment before any other liabilities. 2. Allows the BFA to consider bond guarantees for businesses in unincorporated areas in the State of New Hampshire of which there are 26, the majority of which are in Coos County. 3. Limits to \$30 million the amount the project BFA can guarantee for any one project. 4. Raises the BFA guarantee ceiling for all projects from \$95 million, set in 1994, to \$115 million to provide the BFA the opportunity to support commercial development in New Hampshire. The state treasurer has stated that this increase will have no effect on the state's bond rating, nor will it affect the state's borrowing capacity. This is a bill that provides equal BFA opportunity to unincorporated areas that municipalities currently enjoy. **Vote 22-0.**

## VOTER ID MOVING FORWARD

Photograph Technology Deploying This Summer

The portion of the voter ID law requiring photographs of voters who execute a challenged voter affidavit set to take effect on September 1, 2015.

For the last few months, there has been discussion on how exactly local precincts would facilitate the photography and/or printing aspects of the forthcoming provision of the law, including whether or not the state would be providing the equipment - cameras and printers.

Contrary to concerns that were raised earlier this year, there will be no need for any election official to use his or her own cell phone, or for any town or city to buy their own equipment. There will be no unfunded mandate, and the photograph provision of the law will take effect at its scheduled date, barring any unforeseen legislative change.

The solution identified by the Secretary of State is to use HAVA (Help America Vote Act) funds, supplied by the federal government, to purchase cameras that amount to a modern day polaroid, with instant printing capability. There will be no need for separate printers, and the capabilities of the camera will meet the requirements of the law.

Cities with municipal primary elections this September will be the first to receive the new equipment.

This is a win for Voter ID, by eliminating the possibility of an unfunded mandate, and moving forward with this important provision of law without using state tax dollars.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 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

## FROMMUTH NAMED EMERGNIG LEADER BY GOPAC



**BEDFORD** - First-term House Republican Bart Fromuth (Bedford) earned recognition by the national organization GOPAC as an emerging leader.

“Our Emerging Leaders program ensures a roster of prepared and tested

Republicans ready to lead in their state legislatures and run for higher office.” said GOPAC Chairman David Avella. “As evidenced by past honorees now serving in Congress or as leaders in their state legislative chambers, this program has proven effective at advancing the Republican Party’s next generation. Further, Republican majorities in 69 of 99 state legislative chambers have proven a tremendous advantage in federal elections.”

Rep. Fromuth, 33, is a third generation native of New Hampshire and a life-long Republican who holds degrees from Bates College and Northeastern School of Law.

Rep. Fromuth has spent the last 6 years in the energy sector, working as a consultant for many of New England’s largest suppliers, businesses, and institutions and fighting to bring competitive electric choice to New Hampshire Residents. Rep. Fromuth is a member of the New Hampshire Retail Association and the Business and Industry association, as well as the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

Rep. Fromuth currently serves on the House Commerce & Consumer Affairs Committee. He and his wife and their 1 child reside in Bedford.

GOPAC, founded in 1978, has been a nationally recognized in Republican politics as an effective voice on ideas that unite voters around creating jobs, getting government spending under control, making government more effective, and keeping America safe.

The Emerging Leaders program is a yearlong initiative to coach and develop state legislators from across the country on how to be effective legislative and political leaders. This year’s class will begin their involvement at the 5th Annual Emerging Leaders Summit.

*Since we are now in the period during which the House is acting on Senate bills and vice versa, we wanted to provide some information on the processes bills still need to go through. These include committees of conference, enrolled bills, action by the Governor, and if necessary sustaining or overriding a governor's veto.*

## **COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE PROCESS**

Every bill must be passed in identical form by each of the two bodies, Senate and House, before it is sent to the Governor.

If a bill has been amended by the non-originating body, it is sent back to the originating body for concurrence. At this point, there are three options:

- The originating body concurs, or agrees, and the bill is sent to the Governor.
- The originating body nonconcur, or does not agree, and requests a Committee of Conference between the two bodies. In this case, the Senate President and the House Speaker normally appoint a conference committee of members of both houses to work out a compromise.
- The originating body does not concur, no Committee of Conference is requested, and the bill dies.

All reports of conference committees must be distributed to the members of each body before action can be taken. The originating body acts first on a conference committee report.

## **ENROLLED BILL PROCESS**

When a bill has passed both houses, it is sent to the Committee on Enrolled Bills for the purpose of enrolling. This committee carefully examines the bill for clerical errors or formal imperfections. In case of such errors, it reports them back to both houses for amendment in those particulars only.

Once the enrolling reports are read in each house, the bill is signed by the Senate President or the Speaker of the House. (This is an administrative function only and does not carry power of veto by refusal.) The bill is then forwarded to the Secretary of State.

The bill is transmitted to the Governor by the Secretary of State. It may be recalled from the Governor any time before it is acted upon, by a majority vote of the Senate or House, whichever last had possession.

## **THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF A BILL**

If the legislature has not adjourned, the Governor has five days in which to sign the bill, veto the bill, or allow the measure to pass without signature. When the bill is signed, it becomes law; if it is neither signed nor vetoed, it becomes law without signature.

If the bill is vetoed, it returns to the body where it originated, with a veto message. This veto, to be overturned, must have a two-thirds roll call vote in each body. It then becomes law without the Governor's signature. Without the two-thirds affirmative vote in both bodies, the veto is upheld.

If the Legislature has adjourned, the Governor has five days (excluding Sundays and holidays) in which to sign the bill. If it is not signed, the bill dies. This is the "pocket veto." Each bill carries in its final paragraphs the specific date that it is to go into effect.

## NH House Business Caucus and the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce Sponsor Second Business Roundtable in Series with Presidential Candidates

CONCORD—The New Hampshire House Business Caucus, in partnership with the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, will host its second Business Roundtable with a potential candidate for the office of President of the United States on Wednesday, May 6, at noon at the Barley House restaurant in downtown Concord. The likely candidate and featured speaker will be Ohio Governor John Kasich.

“We have had a terrific response and level of interest in this series from both the business community and elected officials. We are thrilled to provide an opportunity for them to learn more about the candidates’ specific ideas for improving the business climate and economy,” said New Hampshire House Business Caucus founder and Chair, Rep. Laurie Sanborn (R-Bedford).

“Our members really enjoyed the first Business Roundtable, and are looking forward to this one and all future events. This is the best way for businesses to really get to know the candidates and understand their positions on key issues,” said Tim Sink, President of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce.

John Kasich is a likely Republican presidential candidate and the current Governor of Ohio. Previously, he was elected to the Ohio State Senate at the age of 26 and to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1982 at the age of 30 where he served for 18 years. The event is free and lunch will be served. Space is limited and RSVPs are required by May 4, 2015.

For more information on this or future Business Roundtables, or to RSVP, please contact Representative Sanborn at [RepSanborn@gmail.com](mailto:RepSanborn@gmail.com).

*The New Hampshire House Business Caucus is a non-partisan group of current NH House members, highly focused on improving the climate for job creation and economic growth in our state. They evaluate and support legislation that promotes strong, responsible business growth and success. Since their inception in January 2011, the group has grown to over 100 members and has successfully helped pass numerous pro-business bills in the NH House.*

## 6 MONTH REPORT REMINDER

Former candidates, future candidates, incumbents, & state PACs: Did you have a surplus or deficit as of your last 2014 campaign finance 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



Hannah Falcone of Plainfield, NH, a state and national 4H essay winner, was presented with a House declaration congratulating her for her achievements.

The declaration was presented by House Majority Leader Jack Flanagan and Rep. James McConnell (R-Swanzey) in the Speaker’s Office on Thursday.