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BILL	COMMITTEE	RECOMMENDATION
HB 350	WAYS & MEANS	SUPPORT ITL
CACR 4	ELECTION LAW	SUPPORT ITL
HB 404	ELECTION LAW	SUPPORT ITL
HB 290	JUDICIARY	SUPPORT OTP

REGULAR CALENDAR

BILL #	WAYS & MEANS
CACR1	<p>Relating to taxation. Providing that a 3/5 vote is required to pass legislation imposing new or increased taxes or license fees, or to authorize the issuance of state bonds and providing that the general court shall appropriate funds for payment of interest and installments of principal of all state bonds. (pg. 355)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that a 3/5 vote of the house of representatives and the senate shall be required to pass a new tax or license fee or to increase any tax or license fee that has been levied, or to authorize the issuance of state bonds. ● This resolution also provides for appropriations for the payment of interest and installments of principal of all bonded state debt.
	<p>MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. 17-1 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED ITL 9-1 WITH 2 ABSENT.</p>
HB350	<p>establishing a commission to study the impacts of the property tax on New Hampshire's residents, businesses, municipalities, and the economy. (pg. 355)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill establishes a commission to study the impacts of the property tax on New Hampshire's residents, businesses, municipalities, and economy.
	<p>MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. 13-6 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED ITL WITH 2 ABSENT. LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT ITL</p>
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
HB390	<p>relative to stop loss insurance. (pg. 355)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill adjusts the group size for purposes of stop loss insurance. ● This bill is a request of the insurance department.
	<p>MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. 11-8 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED ITL 10-1 WITH 1 ABSENT.</p>

EDUCATION

HA1	for the removal of certain state officials in the department of education. (pg. 356) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This house bill of address requests the removal of Virginia Barry, commissioner of the department of education, and Paul Leather, deputy commissioner of the department of education.
	MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. 14-5 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SPLIT ON ITL 5-5 WITH 2 ABSENT.
HB116	relative to the renomination of teachers. (pg. 356) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill reduces from 5 to 3 consecutive years of teaching required for a teacher to be entitled to notification and a hearing where the teacher is not reappointed.
	MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. 14-7 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED ITL.
HB142	relative to student social media policies by education institutions. (pg. 356) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill specifies permissible conduct by an educational institution regarding access to a student's social media account. ● The amendment allows school districts to request information from parents in the case of a minor.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT 16-4 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED OTP/A 11-1
HB206	relative to non-academic surveys or questionnaires given to students. (pg. 356) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill requires school districts to adopt a policy regarding student participation in non-academic surveys or questionnaires. ● The bill also gives students/parents/guardians right to opt out of participating in non-academic surveys.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT 17-4 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED OTP/A 11-1
HB283	requiring school districts to establish a policy permitting a pupil's parent or legal guardian to observe his or her classes. (pg. 357) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill requires a school district to establish a policy permitting a pupil's parent or legal guardian to observe his or her classes upon request to the school principal or designee.
	MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 16-4 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED ITL 7-4

ELECTION LAW

CACR4	Relating to the right to vote. Providing that 17-year olds who will be eligible to vote in the general election be permitted to vote in the election's primary election. (pg. 357)
	MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 10-7 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED ITL 9-1 WITH 2 ABSENT. <u>LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT ITL</u>

HB185	authorizing straight ticket voting. (pg. 357) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill allows straight ticket voting at state general elections.
	MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 16-2 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED ITL 7-2 WITH 2 ABSENT.
HB404	relative to showing a ballot. (pg. 357) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill reverses changes made to the prohibition on showing a ballot that were enacted in the 2014 regular legislative session and changes the penalty for violations.
	MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 14-2 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED ITL 6-2 WITH 3 ABSENT. LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT ITL
FINANCE	
HB463	relative to state agency communications. (pg. 358) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill clarifies state agency communications with the office of the legislative budget assistant.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS 19-5 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED OTP WITH 1 ABSENT.
HB539	establishing an early learning incentive fund in the department of education. (pg. 358) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill establishes an early learning incentive fund in the department of education.
	MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 14-9 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED ITL WITH 1 ABSENT.
HB631	making an appropriation to the New Hampshire state house bicentennial education and commemoration fund. (pg. 358) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill makes a \$1 appropriation to the New Hampshire state house bicentennial education and commemoration fund.
	MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 21-3 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED ITL WITH 1 ABSENT.
HB638	reestablishing the catastrophic illness program and making an appropriation therefor. (pg. 358) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill reestablishes the catastrophic illness program which was repealed in 2011. The bill makes an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.
	MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 14-10 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED ITL WITH 1 ABSENT.
HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS	
HB136	prohibiting tanning facilities from tanning persons under 18 years of age. (pg. 359) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill makes it unlawful for a person under the age of 18 to use a tanning device at a registered tanning facility in this state.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS 14-0 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED OTP WITH 5 ABSENT

HB389	repealing the certificate of need moratorium. (pg. 359) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill repeals the certificate of need moratorium on nursing home and rehabilitation beds. Current law extends the moratorium until June 30, 2016. Under this bill, the moratorium would end on June 30, 2015.
	MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 14-0 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE OPPOSED ITL 5-2 WITH 5 ABSENT
HB476	amending the definition of “qualifying medical condition” in the therapeutic cannabis law. (pg. 359) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill adds several medical conditions to the definition of “qualifying medical condition” for the purpose of the law governing the use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes. ● As amended, the bill adds epilepsy, lupus, parkinson’s disease and dementia associated with alzheimer’s to the list of conditions for therapeutic cannabis.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 10-3 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED OTP/A 4-3 WITH 5 ABSENT.
JUDICIARY	
CACR9	Relating to judgment on impeachment. Providing that persons impeached by the senate forfeit their state pensions and state-funded insurance. (pg. 359) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that any person impeached by the senate forfeits his or her state pension and state-funded insurance.
	MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 14-1 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED ITL 8-1 WITH 3 ABSENT.
HB151	establishing a committee to study end-of-life decisions. (pg. 359) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill establishes a committee to study end-of-life decisions.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS 9-7 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE OPPOSED OTP 5-4 WITH 3 ABSENT.
HB203	relative to the unauthorized practice of law. (pg. 359) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill allows certain persons who are not authorized to practice law to represent a trust that owns the premises on matters in the circuit court of New Hampshire on landlord tenant issues.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 7-6 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SPLIT ON OTP/A 3-3 WITH 6 ABSENT.
HB290	relative to the acceptance of risk in outdoor recreational activities. (pg. 360) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill provides that persons who engage in outdoor recreational activities accept the dangers inherent in such activities and shall not maintain a legal action against an owner for resulting injuries.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS 13-4 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED OTP WITH 2 ABSENT. LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT OTP
HB315	relative to termination of tenancy. (pg. 360) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill provides additional grounds for termination of tenancy with 7 days notice.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT 11-7 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED OTP/A 10-1 WITH 1 ABSENT.

HB540	relative to access to court records in parenting cases. (pg. 360) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill requires the court to provide the parties with access to all records filed in a parenting or child support case.
	MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 16-2 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED ITL 9-2 WITH 1 ABSENT.
MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT	
HB191	relative to projects which are privately financed in energy efficiency and clean energy districts. (pg. 360) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill excepts projects which are privately financed in energy efficiency and clean energy districts from dollar amount caps and requirements for a loan loss reserve.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS 10-5 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED OTP 4-2 WITH 6 ABSENT.
HB192	relative to the valuation of utility property. (pg. 361) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill provides that the value for utility property determined by the commissioner of revenue administration for the purposes of the utility property tax shall not be used for an abatement under RSA 76.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS 11-4 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE OPPOSED OTP 4-3 WITH 5 ABSENT.
HB416	relative to compensation for members of the Coos county convention. (pg. 361) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill increases the per day compensation of members of the Coos county convention for attendance at county convention meetings.
	MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 11-7 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED ITL 10-1 WITH 1 ABSENT.
HB526	relative to transfers of appropriations in Carroll county. (pg. 361) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill establishes a procedure for the Carroll county executive committee to approve the transfer of appropriations requested by the county commissioners. ● As amended, the bill creates more flexibility to allow transfers of amounts under \$1000 without executive committee approval.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT 10-8 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED OTP/A 6-5 WITH 1 ABSENT.
HB689	relative to adoption of a default budget. (pg. 362) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill permits political subdivisions to require the default budget to be placed on the ballot as a separate contingent warrant article if the operating budget is defeated. ● The bill permits a revised operating budget to be voted on if both the operating budget and the contingent default budget are defeated. ● As amended, the bill would allow voters in SB2 jurisdictions to place a question on the ballot asking, in effect, 'should voters be able to vote on the default budget?'
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT 10-6 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED OTP/A 9-2 WITH 1 ABSENT.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB213	<p>establishing an energy awareness commission. (pg. 362)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill establishes an energy awareness commission to create an energy awareness education program.
	<p>MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 15-3 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED ITL.</p>
HB316	<p>establishing a committee to study offshore wind energy production. (pg. 362)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill establishes a committee to study offshore wind energy production.
	<p>MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 11-7 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED ITL WITH 2 ABSENT.</p>
HB379	<p>establishing a commission to study the effects of ocean acidification on commercially harvested species. (pg. 362)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill establishes a commission to study the effects of ocean acidification on commercially harvested species grown along the New Hampshire coast.
	<p>MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 10-9 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED ITL WITH 2 ABSENT.</p>
HB382	<p>establishing a committee to study facilitating private investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy. (pg. 363)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill establishes a committee to study facilitating private investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy.
	<p>MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS 10-9 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE OPPOSED OTP 9-1 WITH 2 ABSENT.</p>
HB409	<p>banning corn-based ethanol as an additive to gasoline in New Hampshire. (pg. 363)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill bans manufactured corn-based ethanol for use in gasoline and bans the sale of gasoline containing corn-based ethanol as an additive in New Hampshire.
	<p>MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 17-1 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED ITL 8-1 WITH 3 ABSENT.</p>
HB543	<p>repealing the electric renewable portfolio standard. (pg. 363)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill repeals the electric renewable portfolio standard.
	<p>MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 17-2 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPOSED ITL 8-2 WITH 2 ABSENT. THERE WILL BE A MOTION TO TABLE HB543</p>

TRANSPORTATION

HB196	<p>requiring the removal of identifying features from vehicles formerly used as ambulances. (pg. 363)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill requires the removal of identifying features from vehicles formerly used as ambulances. ● The amendment clarifies the definitions allowing restored antique ambulances to retain their markings, and private EMS companies to also retain theirs.
	<p>MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS 17-1 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED OTP/A 10-1</p>

HB467	relative to the expiration of OHRV registrations and repealing the authority for 14-month initial OHRV registrations. (pg. 364) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill provides for a May 1 expiration date for OHRV registrations and repeals the 14-month initial registration provisions. ● As amended, the bill allows the fish and game department to issue 14-month OHRV registrations for all registrants, not just for initial registrations, which are currently allowed. The amendment also removes the costs from the original bill.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT 14-0 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED OTP/A WITH 2 ABSENT.
HB559	relative to vehicle registration by entities doing business in New Hampshire. (pg. 364) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill requires nonresident business entities to register certain vehicles in New Hampshire. ● This bill was requested by the department of safety.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS 15-0 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED OTP WITH 2 ABSENT.
HB621	establishing fines for violations of the “wide berth” laws. (pg. 364) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill establishes fines for violations of the laws requiring drivers to give wide berth to highway workers and at highway emergencies and requested by the dept. of safety.
	MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS 14-1 REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED OTP 10-1 WITH 1 ABSENT.

BILLS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR (as of 8am)

BILL #	EDUCATION
HB302	requiring a public hearing prior to the submission of a grant application by the dpt of education. (pg. 344) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill requires the department of education to submit all grant applications to the house of representatives committee concerned with educational issues for a public hearing and comments.
	<i>Removed by: Rep. Hoell - INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 18-2</i>
BILL #	ELECTION LAW
HB406	relative to the date of the state primary election. (pg. 345) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill changes the number of nominations required to get on the ballot and allows volunteer service to substitute for nomination papers
	<i>Removed by: Rep. J. Sweeney - INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 18-0</i>
HB665	relative to nomination papers. (pg. 346) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill changes the number of nominations required to get on the ballot and allows volunteer service to substitute for nomination papers
	<i>Removed by: Rep. Abramson - INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 15-1</i>

BILL #		JUDICIARY
HB225	<p>requiring the defendant to personally appear in the courtroom during a victim impact statement. (pg. 347)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill requires the defendant in a criminal proceeding to personally appear in court when the victim or victim's next of kin addresses the judge. 	
	<i>Removed by: Rep. Cushing - OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 16-1</i>	
BILL #		MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
HB224	<p>repealing the exemption for water and air pollution control facilities from local property taxation. (pg. 348)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill repeals the exemption from property taxes for the appraised value of water and air pollution control facilities as determined by the department of environmental services. 	
	<i>Removed by: Rep. Cushing - INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 15-1</i>	
HB525	<p>relative to appropriations of the county budget. (pg. 350)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill clarifies the definition of an appropriation in the county budget. 	
	<i>Removed by: Rep. F. McCarthy - INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 16-1</i>	
BILL #		STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS & VETERANS AFFAIRS
HB148	<p>limiting the authority of delegates to the Article V conventions. (pg. 352)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill limits the scope of amendments that may be considered by state delegates to a constitutional convention called pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution. 	
	<i>Removed by: Rep. Itse - OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT 12-2</i>	
HCR2	<p>applying to Congress to hold a convention for amendments. (pg. 353)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill applies to Congress for a convention under Article V of the US Constitution for the purpose of proposing amendments to the US Constitution in order to address concerns raised by the decision of the US Supreme Court in <i>Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission</i> 	
	<i>Removed by: Rep. Notter - OUGHT TO PASS 13-2</i>	
HCR3	<p>applying to Congress to call a convention of states under the United States Constitution. (pg. 353)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This resolution applies to Congress to call a convention of the states in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States. 	
	<i>Removed by: Rep. Horrigan - OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT 13-0</i>	
BILL #		WAYS & MEANS
HB437	<p>exempting proprietorships from taxation under the business enterprise tax. (pg. 354)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This bill exempts from taxation under the business enterprise tax persons who do business activity as a proprietorship. 	
	<i>Removed by: Rep. Itse - INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE 17-0</i>	