

Republican Review

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The next House session will be Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. If we do not finish our business on Wednesday, we will also meet on Thursday, March 24th, the crossover deadline for action on all remaining House bills.

There will be a Republican caucus Wednesday, March 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in Representatives Hall. Rep. Dick Hinch

Please note that there will also be a House session on Wednesday, April 6th, at which time our traditional "Tartan Day" will be recognized.

BILL ANALYSIS SHOWS SPONSOR CONCENTRATION

CONCORD - A recent analysis of 2016 House bill prime sponsors revealed that the majority of bills are authored by less than 10% of House members.

189 of the House's 400 members were prime sponsor on at least 1 House bill. 116 House members were prime sponsor on more than 1 House bill.

Of the members who were prime sponsor of the most bills:

The top 10 prime sponsors account for 25% of all bills filed.
The top 31 prime sponsors account for 50% of all bills filed.

In other words:

Less than 3% of House members file 1 out of every 4 House bills.
Less than 8% of House members file half of all House bills.

HOUSE MAJORITY OFFICE PLANS INFORMATIONAL "OPEN HOUSE" FOR PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES

CONCORD - The House Majority Office announced this week its plans to hold an open house for people interested in running for and serving in the state legislature. The event, which is to be held April 7th, will be open to any Republican who would like to learn more about the day-to-day responsibilities of a state representative, the history and traditions of the New Hampshire House, and will include tours and brief presentations from House and Party leadership.

In 2014, nearly 100 candidates and activists descended on Concord for a similar event.

"We're really looking forward to introducing prospective candidates to the state house and the legislative process again this year," said House Majority Leader Dick Hinch, "As a citizen legislature, we rely on people who are passionate about serving their communities to step forward to run, and we want to make sure they have all of the information they need in order to move forward as candidates."

The filing period for candidates is June 1 through June 10.

Current House members and Republican Party activists are encouraged to forward event information to members of their community who have expressed interest in serving in the legislature.

The tentative schedule of events for April 7th will begin with coffee and registration period beginning at 8:30 a.m., followed by brief remarks from House Republican leadership team, and Republican Party officials. Attendees will be assigned a mentor who will guide small groups to observe committee hearings/meetings. An official State House tour will follow, before a complimentary lunch. After lunch more informational sessions will be held along with a Q&A session.

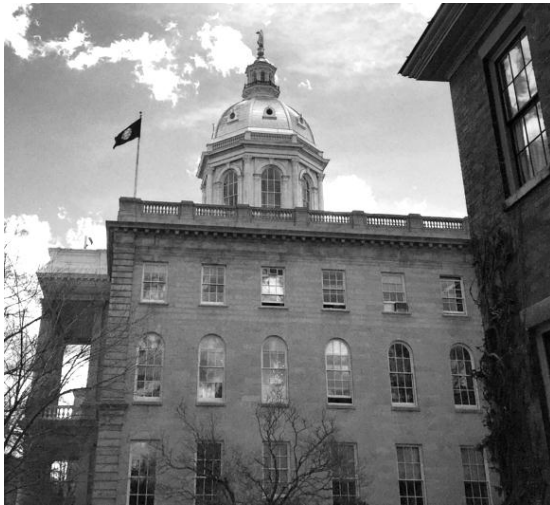
OPEN HOUSE

APRIL 7th, 2016

**Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
Program begins at 9:00 a.m.**

RSVP is required:

603-271-3665 or info@nhhousegop.com



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JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

In addition to the improving (lowering) unemployment rate in New Hampshire of 2.9%, which was released this week, the Granite State workers can look forward to future job growth according to state agency projections.

According to this month’s Economic Conditions newsletter published by the Department of Employment Security,

“Newly released employment projections for second quarter 2015 to second quarter 2017 show that a wide variety of occupations are expected to have substantial job openings and better-than-average employment growth. Overall, employment in New Hampshire is projected to increase by 2.5 percent over the two-year period, a gain of more than 17,100 jobs.”

[You can view the entire newsletter HERE \(link\).](#)

State Credit Rating Relatively OK

According to the most recent Treasury data released this week by State Treasurer Bill Dwyer, NH’s credit rating remains very good, but just OK in comparison with other states.

Rating Agency	GO Bond Credit Rating	Outlook	States Rated by Agency	States w/ Higher Rating	States w/ Same Rating	States w/ Lower Rating
Fitch	AA+	Stable	37	13	13	11
Moody’s	Aa1	Stable	39	12	14	13
Standard & Poors	AA	Stable	39	21	13	5

DRUG DEATHS CONTINUE TO MOUNT

As of Monday, March 12, there were 10 confirmed drug related deaths in New Hampshire and an additional 86 cases from 2016 that are “Pending Toxicology”. When combined, there were 38 confirmed/likely drug deaths in January, 41 in February, and 17 in March as of Monday.

It can take 2 to 3 months to receive the toxicology results and for state pathologists to review them and determine the cause of death.

Legislative Food Drive March 14 – April 7

A Legislative Food Drive to collect non-perishable food items for the N.H. Food Bank will take place between March 14th and April 7th. During this time, there will be large donation boxes in Rooms 121-122 of the State House and at the front desk of the Legislative Office Building. Food items will be distributed to New Hampshire families and neighbors most in need, so your generosity and support are greatly appreciated to assist the Food Bank in their ongoing efforts.

2016 HOUSE DEADLINES

Thursday, March 24, 2016

CROSSOVER Last day to act on all House Bills

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Last day to report Senate Bills going to a 2nd committee

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Last day to act on Senate Bills going to a 2nd committee

Thursday, May 5, 2016

Last day to report all remaining Senate Bills

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Last day to act on all remaining Senate Bills

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Last day to form Committees of Conference

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Last day to sign Committee of Conference reports