



REPUBLICAN REVIEW

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100% of House Democrats Vote Against Right to Work

House votes 200-177 against the SB11

CONCORD - After weeks of debate, vote counting and advocacy, the House voted to kill SB11, a bill prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join or contribute to a labor union. Every House Democrat in attendance voted to kill the bill. 85% of House Republicans present supported the bill. In reaction to the outcome, the Governor said:

"I am deeply disappointed today by the House's failure to pass Right to Work. This legislation would have provided our state an economic advantage across the region by affording our workers greater choice, freedom and flexibility - true New Hampshire values.

"While it is clear some House members did not understand this opportunity to unleash the untapped potential of our economy, I know that we can continue to work collaboratively on initiatives that will drive new business into the state. Right to Work, though important, is just one piece of a broader effort to promote economic development, signaling to our nation's business community that New Hampshire is open for business."

"We still have an opportunity to reduce and remove burdensome rules and regulations. We can do more to bring down energy costs for our citizens. We are going to continue to drive a customer service-centric, business-friendly economy and make New Hampshire the ultimate example of pro-business state."

Photo: NHGOP Chair and Republican Legislators gathered Wednesday morning for a press conference in support of Right to Work.



HOUSE CONTINUING EDUCATION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

TOPIC: Tools Every Legislator Needs

Parliamentary Procedure; Parliamentary Inquiries; Decorum and Debate

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

PLACE: Representatives Hall

COORDINATORS: Representatives Dick Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

CAUCUS NOTICE:

There will be no Republican caucus next week.

SESSION NOTICE:

The next House session will be at the call of the chair.

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SB 11 Indefinitely Postponed, Blocking HB520

Following the vote on SB11, a motion was made to indefinitely postponed SB11. According to House rules, "When a question is postponed indefinitely, that question shall not be acted on during the same session, unless two-thirds of those members present and voting vote in favor thereof." Since HB520 mirrored the language and intent of SB11, the House will be precluded from considering HB520 or any similar bill. House rules prescribe that, "...for In the second-year session, no bill or resolution shall be introduced if it is substantially similar to any legislation that was indefinitely postponed or voted inexpedient to legislate." HB520 had also received an ITL recommendation from the House Labor committee, but was not on the calendar this past week. Had the indefinite postponement not prevailed, the House could have had a second opportunity to vote on the issue.

SPECIAL ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

Candidates have filed to run in Hillsborough 42 and Carroll 6

Due to the resignation of Hon. Harold B. Parker in Carroll 6 (Wolfeboro) and the death of Rep. Andre Martel who represented Hillsborough 42 (Manchester Wards 8 and 9, Litchfield), two special elections have been announced to fill the vacant seats:

In Wolfeboro, Republicans Seamas Oscalaidhe and Matthew J. Plache have filed to run. In Hillsborough 42, Republicans Mark McLean and George Lambert, two former House members, have filed to run. The Primary Election will be held in both districts on April 4, 2017 and Special (General) Election on May 23, 2017.

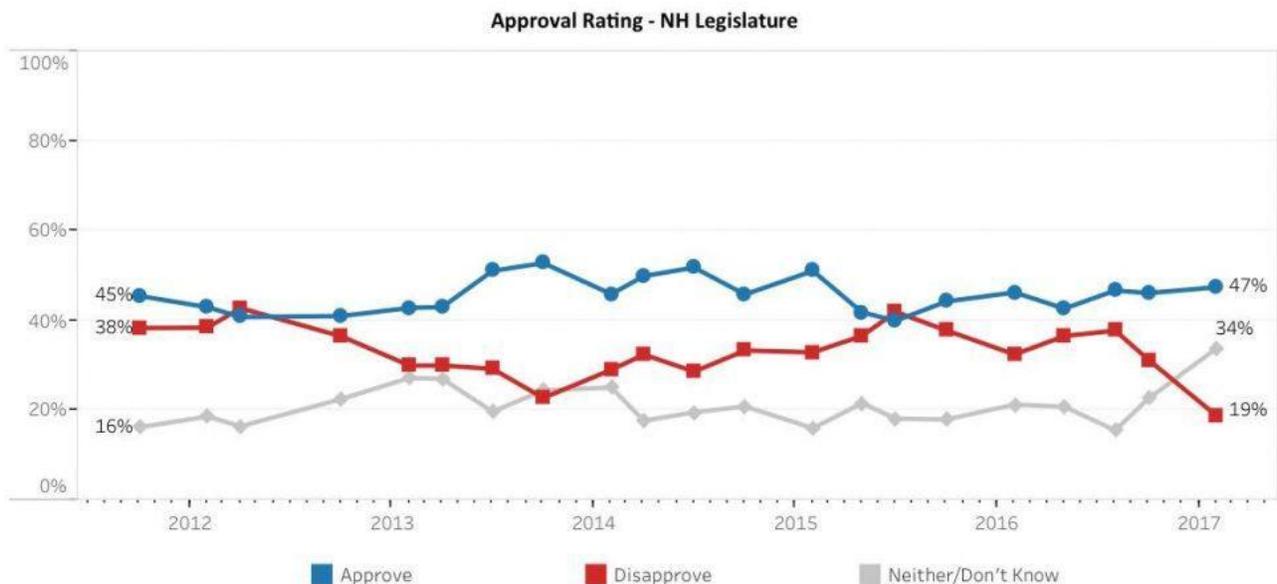
Best of luck to the filed candidates. We will work with the eventual Republican nominees to ensure both seats remain Republican.

UNH Survey Center Poll Shows Positive Approval Ratings for Legislature

A recent poll conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center highlights positive approval ratings from residents on the job that the Legislature is doing. The poll of 489 individuals showed that 47% of those surveyed view the Legislature positively.

Read the full results of the Granite State Poll here:

[NH Residents Positive About Sununu, Legislature, State Outlook](#)



House PAC Sets Record With Help From Gov

The Committee to Elect House Republicans held their first fundraising event of the 2018 cycle on Wednesday evening with special guest Governor Chris Sununu. Attendance was phenomenal and donation receipts set a new single-event fundraising record to the political action committee. Proceeds will benefit the committee's efforts to recruit, train and elect the Republicans to the House of Representatives in 2018 - and grow and maintain our Republican majority. Thank you to everyone who attended and thank you to Governor Sununu for making this a tremendous success.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

PASSED

HB 641, relative to high school students participating in New Hampshire's dual and concurrent enrollment program

HB 647, establishing education freedom savings accounts for children with disabilities

HB 452, establishing the office of the business advocate in the department of resources and economic development

KILLED

HB 203, establishing an independent redistricting commission.

HB 415, reducing business taxes, repealing certain taxes, establishing an income tax,

HB 644-FN-A-LOCAL, extending the interest and dividends tax to capital gains

TABLED

HB 621, establishing a road usage fee

House Shoots Down 2 More Dem Anti-Gun Bills

On Wednesday, the House voted on HB 350-FN, prohibiting possession of a firearm at a polling place. The House Criminal Justice committee had recommended the bill die, by a vote of 9-7. But the House vote was more decisive 204-144 vote.

According to Rep. John Burt's majority committee report, "This bill seeks to repeal the rights of law-abiding NH citizens to carry a loaded firearm discretely in any polling place primarily because many NH schools serve as polling places during local, state and national elections. The bill would make violation of it by law-abiding citizens - and even law enforcement officers - a Class B felony. It is a poor solution in search of a non-existent problem.

On Thursday, the House debated HB 201-FN, requiring background checks for commercial firearms sales. This bill is brought forward every term by House Democrats.

Rep. John Burt also authored the majority committee report recommending HB201 be killed and said, "As written, this bill would make the "transfer" of a firearm mean the same as the "sale" of a firearm requiring anyone looking at or touching a firearm subject to a National Instant Criminal Background Check. It would also make the person displaying the firearm or "transferring" a firearm to someone also subject to a National Instant Criminal Background Check. Through this conflated language, this bill would shut down firearm sales and training in New Hampshire by making the process so arduous and expensive that none could comply. Even this bill's stated purpose - "to create a record of each sale" - is a clear violation of law." The bill was killed 221-151.

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