



# REPUBLICAN REVIEW

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## House GOP Welcomes New Member

On Wednesday during a meeting of the Executive Council, Governor Chris Sununu swore in Rep. Mark McLean of Manchester as the newest member of the House GOP. Mark serves as the representative to the Hillsborough 44 district representing the Manchester Wards 8 & 9 and the town of Litchfield. Mark and his wife Gail live in Manchester where he has spent the last 20 years in the manufacturing sector. Mark was born and raised in New Brunswick, Canada, served in the Royal Canadian Artillery, and continued his service as a reservist while studying chemical engineering at the University of New Brunswick. Mark came to the U.S. in 1994 to earn his master's degree at Northeastern University. Mark previously served as a member of the legislature during the 2014-2015 session. Congratulations Representative McLean!



## Rockingham 4 & Belknap 9 House Special Elections Called

The Governor and Executive Council at their meeting on Wednesday, June 7th, called for a Special Election for State Representative for the Belknap 9 (Belmont & Laconia Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) and Rockingham 4 (Auburn, Chester, & Sandown) House Districts. The Primary Election for the Belknap 9 District has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th, and the Special General Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 7th. If there is no primary for the seat then the Special General Election will be held on Tuesday, September 12th. The Primary Election for the Rockingham 4 District has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 8th and the Special General Election has been called for Tuesday, September 26th. If there is no primary for the seat then the Special General Election will be held on Tuesday, August 8th.

**Filing Period:** June 12 – 16, 2017. Candidates for both districts may file with their town clerks on Monday or Tuesday (12th or 13th) during normal business hours, OR candidates may file with the Secretary of State Monday-Friday. Any filings made on Friday, June 16th, must be made in person by the candidate at the Secretary of State's Office.

### Session Notice:

The next House session will be Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

For future planning, there will be no legislative activity or mileage reimbursement between June 26th and August 18th, unless special circumstances arise and authorization is granted.

## Senate Concurs with Major GOP Initiative's, Bills Headed to Gov.'s Desk

On Thursday the Senate concurred with the House's amendments to Senate Bills 3, 8, and 66. All three bills are major GOP platform initiatives and have the support of the Governor, who is expected to sign them later this month.

SB3 removes the domicile affidavit and makes domicile a verifiable act. SB8 more commonly known as the 'Croydon bill' will allow school districts, without K-12 schools, to contract with nonsectarian private schools. SB66 establishes 'fetal homicide' for certain criminal offenses resulting in the death of an unborn child.

The Senate also concurred with the House on SB131 which will ramp up our states drug interdiction efforts by adding 5 new troopers to the interstate drug interdiction taskforce.

## Summerville, Ga., Man Honored For Actions In Vietnam War

Sgt. Ronald Smith, a lifelong resident of Summerville, Ga., was honored at the House of Representatives in New Hampshire for his actions in the Vietnam War.

His granddaughter, Sarah Wester, said, "**Rep. Frank McCarthy of New Hampshire** felt the need to honor my grandfather and several other Marines of his company (Lt. Jerry Flick and Cpl. Lorne Lemieux) for actions that happened 50 years ago in January (1967) during the Vietnam war.

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## Newest House Democrat Member Supports Income-Tax

On Wednesday Rep. Edie DesMarais (D-Wolfeboro) was sworn in as the newest member of the House Democratic caucus. Rep. DesMarais becomes one of the latest members of the House Democratic caucus to advocate for an income or sales tax to justify reckless and irresponsible spending.

In a letter to the editor published in the Granite State News back in 2004 Rep. DesMarais when discussing education adequacy funding attacked the legislature's unwillingness to create new forms of taxation saying, "the answer to the problem is not to return to an unfair and regressive system of using local property tax. It is the legislature's responsibility to find the revenue to meet the states responsibilities. If they do not have the courage to pass a fairer system of taxation - be it sales, income, or some other taxation, they are the problem."

We find it shocking that a member of the House from Wolfeboro, a community which benefits greatly from tourism, would advocate for a sales tax that would have a profoundly negative impact on our businesses and tourism industry.

By not having a sales or income tax, NH remains accountable to its citizens and ensures a balanced budget. It's unacceptable to raise taxes on the backs of our consumers and hardworking citizens. We remain committed to protecting the New Hampshire Advantage.

## Committee of Conference Links

[Click here to live stream](#) the Budget Committee of Conference starting Monday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

[Click here to view](#) Budget Committee of Conference documents relative to HB 144 and HB 517

[Click here to view](#) the full Committee of Conference schedule, legislator make up, and meeting location.