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## FEELEY FALLS SHORT IN CONCORD SPECIAL ELECTION MIGLIORE TAKES GRAFTON 9 PRIMARY



(Photo: Reps. Hinch and Edwards joined volunteers and candidate Mike Feeley at the polls Tuesday)

On Tuesday, voters in Concord's Ward 9 headed to the polls to elect a new state representative, after the resignation of Andrew deTreville back in February. GOP Nominee Michael Feeley, an Iraq War veteran, ran a great campaign in the Merrimack Dist. 18 special election, but could not overcome the hurdle of running in a strongly democrat district\*. Congratulations to him on giving it his best effort.

*\*Data compiled by the Committee to Elect House Republicans suggests that out of 204 House districts, the Concord Ward 9 district ranks #176 in favorability towards Republican candidates.*

Also on Tuesday, primary voters in Alexandria, Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, and Grafton went to the polls to elect nominees for the Grafton 9 special election on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. Vincent Paul Migliore beat 2 opponents on the Republican side in a friendly primary. Mr. Migliore is an accomplished local businessman, and former local elected official.

Democrats in Grafton 9 elected Joshua Adjutant by write-in campaign over balloted candidate Tom Ploszaj. Adjutant made news recently when, at a House committee meeting in May, he disrupted the proceedings to yell profanity an elected official.

According to the [Concord Monitor](#) (5/10/2017):

*"...Joshua Adjutant yelled at [Rep. Baldasaro] from across the room to 'shut the f--- up.'"*

According to [reports](#), Migliore, "got 200 percent more Democratic write-ins than Joshua got in Republican write-ins."

## Sec. Gardner, Election Integrity Champion

On Wednesday, Secretary of State Bill Gardner attended and participated in the first meeting of the Presidential Commission on election Integrity. In his remarks, he supplied several important points:

*"...every vote matters and there doesn't need to be massive voter fraud to sway the outcome."*

*"...I might add that the two highest states in turnout during the presidential primaries last year were both photo ID states."*

*"Automatic voter registration is not going to get more people to vote. It is the will of the voter. It is the value that the voter sees in actually doing it that is the key to getting more people to vote."*

*"...there are professors now across this country, more and more of them, that are talking about how important the confidence is that ... a potential voter has in the process."*

*"We will see an increase in voter turnout only when ease of voting is balanced with security and integrity"*

*"I have conducted nearly 500 recounts, all done by hand, counting paper ballots in a public process, including statewide, congressional and various smaller district races. Eleven of those recounts have ended in a tie, 32 were decided by one vote, and a total of 202 by less than 10 votes."*

*"One vote does matter."*

Gardner, a registered Democrat, has been criticized by Democrat party officials for participating on the commission.

## Special Election Round-Up

### Up Next:

Grafton Dist 9 (Alexandria, Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Grafton)  
 Primary: July 18, 2017  
 Election Day: September 5  
 Republican Nominee: Vincent Paul Migliore

Belknap Dist 9 (Laconia, Belmont)  
 Election Day: September 12, 2017.  
 Republican Nominee: Steven R. Whalley

Rockingham Dist 4 (Auburn, Chester, Sandown)  
 Primary: August 8, 2017  
 Election Day: September 26, 2017  
 Republicans Filing: James E. Devine, James F. Headd, Anthony S. Rossignol

Hillsborough Dist 15 (Manchester W-8)  
 Primary: September 19, 2017  
 Election Day: November 7, 2017  
 Republicans Filing: Andy Parent & Albert E. MacArthur Jr.

## Reminders:

- The House Calendar will be published on a biweekly basis during the summer months.
- There will be no legislative activity or mileage reimbursement through August 21st, unless special circumstances arise.
- The following deadlines were adopted by the House for the upcoming retained bill process and bill filing period:

**Wednesday, September 6:**  
**First day to file LSRs for 2018**

**Friday, September 22:**  
**Last day to file LSRs (4:00 p.m.)**

**Friday, October 27:**  
**Last day to sign off LSRs (4:00 p.m.)**

**Thursday, November 16:**  
**Last day to report retained bills**

## NH ECONOMY CONTINUING TO CREATE JOBS

On Tuesday, following the news that 731,900 are employed in the Granite State, the most in New Hampshire history, Governor Chris Sununu issued the following statement:

"It is our obligation to ensure a favorable economic climate for all Granite State businesses, and today's news is further proof that New Hampshire has the fastest growing economy in New England. I am proud that through our pro-growth initiatives, more people are working in New Hampshire today than at any other point in history. A strong, thriving workforce is necessary for our broader goals to boost economic development and I look forward to continuing our work to again be the jobs engine throughout the region. We're all about the economy, and its working."

## Friends Remember Rep. Ron Belanger

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday for Rep. Ronald J. Belanger of Salem, a 13 term Republican member of the House, and longtime local elected official and civic leader.

The following are quotes from written press statements or quotes from news coverage of his passing and memorial service.

"Ron was a giant in Salem politics and made immeasurable contributions to his community as a Selectman and Planning Board member, and to New Hampshire as a State Representative." ~ Gov. Chris Sununu

"He always had a twinkle in his eye or offered a joke. He was a pleasure to work with." ~ Donna Sytek, Former House Speaker

"Salem is a better place to live because of his years of service in Concord and as a leader in the community." ~ Senate President Chuck Morse

"He was what you would call 'old school,' and believed that what you did to help people was more important than the credit you got." ~ D.J. Bettencourt, Former House Majority Leader.

### House News Round Up:

- [Rep. Morrison leading the charge on foster parents' rights.](#)
- [Dept. of Insurance looking to charge group plans to stabilize individual plan market, due to Obamacare rate spikes.](#)
- [UL Editorial Page likes legislature's work on school choice.](#)
- [Governor Sununu signs an executive order eliminating 1600 burdensome regulations.](#)