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Regular Calendar

SB 215-FN, authorizing benefit corporations.

Committee recommendation: Commerce and Consumer Affairs: OTP 14-4

This bill, establishing a new business entity without well defined parameters, is **anti-liberty**:

- General public benefit' means a material positive effect on society and the environment..." is vague and leaves too much discretion to the secretary of state to enforce. This could lead to selective, politically-motivated enforcement actions.

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SB 367-FN-A, (New Title) requiring adjustment of the road toll according to changes in the Consumer Price Index, eliminating certain ramp tolls on the Everett turnpike in the town of Merrimack, and establishing a committee to study the effectiveness and efficiency of the department of transportation.

Committee recommendation: Joint Public Works and Highways and Ways and Means: OTP 26-11

This bill, raising the gas tax and tying it to the CPI, is **anti-liberty**:

- This ensures that the gas tax is increased every 4 years in perpetuity.
- Inflation is already a hidden tax on every citizen. Tying a fuel tax to inflation "adds nsult to injury."
- This will hurt sales of fuel for NH border town retailers and will encourage out of state sales of gasoline.
- As is the case with most taxes, this gas tax will fall most heavily upon those who can least afford it.
- This bill also increases the diesel tax. The cost to move goods (food, equipment, cars, wood, oil...) into or around New Hampshire will increase as a result.

SB 367
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SB 207-FN, relative to paycheck equity.

Committee recommendation: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: OTP/A 11-8

This bill, which expands regulations on employers and the department, is **anti-liberty**:

- This bill adds new regulations onto businesses, making them less competitive with those in other states and burdening them with additional compliance requirements. Further, "Equal Pay" legislation is already in statute, so this is unneeded.
- New requirements will add more duties to the labor department, setting the stage for future growth.
- So-called discrimination laws are very difficult to enforce and lead to an increasingly litigious environment.
- By allowing the commissioner to enforce the laws merely "in response to complaints," it opens a Pandora's Box of potential politically motivated retributions in cases where no violation has been proven.

SB 207
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SB 296, relative to preferences for veterans and disabled veterans in public employment.

Committee recommendation: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: OTP 13-0

This bill, creating preferences for veterans in public employment, is **anti-liberty**:

- Violates Article 10, Part 1 of the NH Constitution - "Government being instituted for the common benefit, ...and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men;..."
- Jobs should be given solely on the basis of merit and experience with no extra weighting given to anyone's special characteristics or status.

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