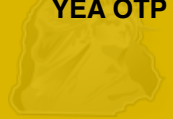




# GOLD STANDARD

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SB 416 NAY OPT/A  
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HB 500 YEA OTP/A  
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YEA OTP



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## SB 416, relative to flexible working arrangements in employment. SB 416

**SB 416**

**NAY  
OTP/A**

Commerce Committee Recommendation: OTP/A 4-1

### ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill creates new mandates on businesses

- Employees and employers should be free to negotiate working relationships and terminate them at will. The state should not micromanage employer/employee relationships.
- This bill is unnecessary, as the market provides protection for both employers and employees. If employers terminate employees capriciously they will not be able to retain or attract talent. If employees terminate their employment frequently they will have difficulty convincing employers to hire them.

## SB 488-FN-L, Requiring reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers. SB 488

**SB 488**

**NAY  
OTP/A**

Commerce Committee Recommendation: OTP/A 5-0

### ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill creates new mandates on businesses.

- Many businesses do not have and cannot afford to create "private, non bathroom spaces" for employees, or afford many of the other costly mandates contained in this bill.
- Use of vague exceptions that place the burden of proof on the business is a recipe for lawsuits.
- Job benefits should be negotiated between an employee and an employer, not mandated by legislators. If a business does not offer attractive benefits, employees may seek work elsewhere.
- The costly mandates contained in this bill will deter businesses from hiring young women of child bearing age, particularly for entry level or early career work.
- NH licensing and regulatory requirements are already far too arduous. In order to improve the NH economy, and encourage innovation and entrepreneurship, legislators should be working to lessen regulatory burdens, not expand them.

## HB 500-FN, repealing the prohibition on the use of silencing devices for taking wildlife. HB 500

**HB 500**

**YEA  
OTP/A**

Energy and Natural Resources Committee Recommendation: OTP/A 4-0

### PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows hunters to use noise suppressors while hunting

- The ability to hear game is an important component to the sport of hunting, so many hunters choose to not wear ear protection. Suppressors protect the shooter from hearing loss because the reduction of noise is enough to no longer cause damage.
- Current law unfairly discriminates against people that choose the sport of hunting over the sport of target shooting. The use of suppressors is already legal for target shooters pursuing their sport on the same exact tracts of land that hunters use.
- A suppressor does not make the discharge of a firearm silent (despite its alternate name "silencer"). The sound can still be heard from a significant distance. The use of suppressors does not compromise safety, or put the game at a disadvantage.

## SB 401-FN, relative to insurance coverage for prescription eye drops.

# SB 401

Finance Committee Recommendation: OTP 5-1

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill mandates the manner in which an insurance company must allow for one early refill of prescription eye-drops.**

## NAY OTP

- This bill expands state law in order to micromanage details of early refills of prescription eye-drops.
- The ever-expanding list of state mandates for insurance coverage has contributed to ever-increasing costs and higher rates. Instead of mandating minute details of insurance coverage, representatives should allow individuals to be free to choose what level of coverage they wish to pay for, and allow insurance providers to compete across state lines.
- The bill could result in a coverage gap if a consumer uses all refills prior to obtaining another prescription.

## SB 494-FN-A, limiting an exemption from the road toll.

# SB 494

Finance Committee Recommendation: OTP 4-1

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill repeals provisions of the law that force NH taxpayers to subsidize federal government, non-military travel on NH roads.**

## YEA OTP

- The federal government should help pay for the upkeep of the roads they are using.
- A government vehicle wears on the roads just as much, and in some cases more, than a private vehicle.

## SB 551-FN-A-L, establishing video lottery and table gaming at one location.

# SB 551

Finance Committee Recommendation: OTP/A 4-2

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill creates government granted monopoly privileges.**

## NAY OTP/A

- Allowing one special interest to conduct gambling operations, while prohibiting all others from competing, is a clear example of regulatory capture and an unjust use of government power
- This bill would violate article 83 of the NH Constitution, which states "Free and fair competition in the trades and industries is an inherent and essential right of the people and should be protected against all monopolies and conspiracies which tend to hinder or destroy it."
- This bill dramatically increases the size and scope of government. Once large bureaucracies and moneyed interests are created, they are very difficult to roll back.
- The NHLA would support a bill to more broadly legalize gambling, or allow for the creation of many independent casinos.

## SB 350, establishing a moratorium on federal land acquisition pending a study by the department of resources and economic development.

# SB 350

Judiciary Committee Recommendation: Interim Study 4-0

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill directs DRED to study repeated and ongoing violations of existing state law RSA 121. It also halts all real estate transactions to which this law applies.**

## NAY IS

- Existing state law, RSA 121 is being ignored and has been for decades. A study is needed to find out how it has been violated. This is the first small step in correcting the matter.
- This bill doesn't propose any new law. It should not be controversial to research if the state is breaking its own laws.
- Interim Study is not the proper procedure; we don't need a study to study the proposed study.
- Citizens are expected to follow laws enacted by the legislature. The state loses credibility when it fails to follow the same set of laws.

## YEA OTP