

HB 227 — relative to payment for tobacco products purchased by retailers

Committee / Recommendation: Commerce and Consumer Affairs / ITL (17 – 2)

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation: **YEA ON ITL**

This bill, which would require retailers to pay wholesalers within 10 days for tobacco products, is anti-liberty:

- *Unduly changes the terms of a private agreement between willing participants.*
- *Enforces an unreasonably strict punishment, revocation of the retailer's license, which does not fit the "crime".*

HB 369 — establishing a spending cap on state budget requests

Committee / Recommendation: Finance / ITL (21 – 4)

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation: **NAY ON ITL**

This bill, which would limit state budgets to the rate of inflation plus one percent, is pro-liberty:

- *Tying the state budget to the Consumer Price Index will help ensure a steady tax rate for New Hampshire residents and business owners.*

HB 440 — repealing the state's authority to bond school building aid costs

Committee / Recommendation: Finance / ITL (14 – 10)

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation: **NAY ON ITL**

This bill, which removes the state's ability to use bonding to meet their portion of town/city school building aid bond payments if FY 2009 ends in a deficit, is pro-liberty:

- *Borrowing money to make a loan payment is wrong and would set a terrible precedent. Removing this cushion will enable the legislature to focus on spending cuts, which is the appropriate remedy to resolve the projected deficit.*