

**CACR 4** — relating to elections. Providing that certain persons may vote in primaries prior to turning 18 years of age.

Committee / Recommendation:

Election Law / OTPA (11 –8)

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation:

**YEA on OTPA/OTP**

*This bill, which would allow seventeen-year-olds to vote in a primary election, if they will be eighteen by the time of the general election, is pro-liberty:*

- *Fixes an issue where a candidate who turns eighteen after a primary election cannot vote for himself in the primary, despite being eligible to run and vote for himself in the general election.*

**HB 276** — relative to challenges of voters.

Committee / Recommendation:

Election Law / OTPA (16 –0)

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation:

**NAY on OTPA/OTP**

*This bill, which would complicate the method for challenging voters, is anti-liberty:*

- *Intimidating voters from challenging others will disenfranchise voters who may rightfully fear increased voter fraud.*
- *While voting rights are very important, it equally important that every voter be legitimate.*

**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.*

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## HB 466 — establishing a safari fee on owners of big game hunting preserves.

Committee / Recommendation: **Fish & Game / ITL (13 – 1)**

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

*This bill, which would impose a tax on private hunting preserves, is anti-liberty:*

- *Lower taxes mean greater respect for the rights of New Hampshire's people to keep what they earn and use their property as they see fit.*

## HB 259 — relative to motor vehicle inspections.

Committee / Recommendation: **Transportation / ITL (15 – 1)**

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

*This bill, which would change the motor vehicle inspection requirement from annual to biennial, is pro-liberty:*

- *By forcing people to have their cars inspected annually, the state imposes a major unnecessary expense.*
- *The people of New Hampshire would save millions of dollars and thousands of hours every year as a result of this bill's passage.*

## HB 383 — relative to passenger restraints.

Committee / Recommendation: **Transportation / OTPA (11 – 6)**

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation: **NAY on OTP**

*This bill, which would outlaw driving without wearing a seatbelt, is anti-liberty:*

- *The Golden Rule is the foundation of civilized society and the essence of freedom—we should respect other people's choices as we expect them to respect our own.*
- *It should be self-evident that you cannot help people by taking away their freedom.*

## HB 457 — increasing the standard exemption under the interest and dividends tax

Committee / Recommendation: **Ways & Means / ITL (12 – 4)**

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

*This bill, which would raise the interest & dividends tax exemption from \$2,400 to \$3,600, is pro-liberty:*

- *This bill would reduce an onerous tax and lessen the punishment for those who save their money.*

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