Consent Calendar HB 77 YEA/OTP

Regular Calendar HB 48 NAY/ITL

HB 49 YEA/ITL

HB 77, relative to amendments to warrant articles. (Consent Calendar)

Municipal and County Government: OTP (12-0) Committee report:

This bill, which prohibits deletion of the substance of the original warrant article, is **pro-liberty**:

- All voters, not just the small percentage in attendance at deliberative session, should be allowed to vote on warrant articles, especially petitioned warrant articles.
- The right to vote on all articles by all registered voters is enhanced and preserved.

HB 48, relative to incompatibility of town offices.

Municipal and County Government: ITL (10-2) Committee report:

This bill, which allows moderators to be trustees of the trust fund, is **pro-liberty**:

- The people, through their votes, have a fundamental right to choose those that represent them.
- Current law prohibits the voters from electing an individual to certain separate offices.
- As a practical matter it may be inappropriate for someone to hold both offices, as a matter of principle that decision should be left to the voters — not to the General Court.

HB 49-FN, relative to toll-free use of the New Hampshire turnpike system by vehicles with purple heart license plates.

Public Works and Highways: ITL (12-1) Committee report:

This bill, which favors drivers with Purple Heart license plates over others, is **anti-liberty**:

- This bill contradicts Part 1 Article 10 of our State Constitution, which states that our government is not "for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men."
- Free tolls for cars bearing honorific Purple Heart license plates is a feel-good gesture which does little for our veterans while unfairly shifting costs to those who don't qualify for the plates.