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HB 125-FN, relative to lawful commerce in firearms, including manufacture and sale, in NH.

Committee report: Constitutional Review and Statutory Revision : OTP (8 - 4)

This bill, asserting NH's right to regulate intra-state commerce without federal government intervention, is pro-liberty:

- This bill limits the federal misapplication of the interstate commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution by asserting our rights under the Ninth and Tenth Amendments of the Bill of Rights.
- Benefits hobbyists who craft their own firearms (permitted under federal law) to sell or give away to other NH residents by removing federal mandates of taxes, forms and firearm inscriptions.
- The NHLA has concerns about the penalties section of the bill, but since this will go to Criminal Justice as a second committee the bill should move forward as a matter of policy.

**HB 125
YEA
on
OTP**

HB 110, requiring professional safety & security personnel to report observed felony offenses.

Committee report: Criminal Justice and Public Safety : OTP-A (14-2)

This bill, which requires college campus security to report certain crimes, is anti-liberty.

- The bill adds another regulatory burden onto security departments at NH colleges and universities.
- Certain on-campus offenses may be better dealt with through the school's disciplinary actions.
- There is nothing preventing victims from reporting crimes to police – on campus or anywhere else.

**HB 110
NAY
on
OTP**

HB 185-FN, relative to minimum bargaining unit size of public employee collective bargaining.

Committee report: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services : OTP (13-4)

This bill, restricting the recognition of collective bargaining units, is anti-liberty.

- Public employers, asserting local control, should be free to continue to recognize small bargaining units as they deem appropriate.

**HB 185
NAY
on
OTP**

HB 474-FN, relative to freedom of choice on whether to join a labor union.

Committee report: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services : OTP-A (10-7)

This bill, exempting employees that opt not to join a union from agency fees, is pro-liberty:

- To force someone that chooses not to associate with a union to pay that union is an act of coercion forced upon an unwilling individual.
- Employment should be solely based upon the mutual benefit between employee and business.
- The NHLA opposes the criminalization penalties and sign postage mandates in this bill.

**HB 474
YEA
on
OTP**

SB 1-FN-L, eliminating the automatic continuation requirement for public employee collective bargaining agreements.

Committee report: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services : OTP (13-4)

This bill, repealing the evergreen clause currently forced into union agreements, is pro-liberty:

- Negotiators have always had the option to include an evergreen clause.
- This bill removes the mandate that one be included, leaving the decision up to the interested parties.

**SB 1
YEA
on
OTP**

HB 249-L, relative to procedures for property revaluations.

Committee report: Municipal and County Government : ITL (10-5)

This bill, increasing the equity of property assessments, is pro-liberty

- Part II, Article 6 "[Valuation and Taxation.] The public charges of government, or any part thereof, may be raised by taxation upon polls, estates, and other classes of property, including franchises and property when passing by will or inheritance; and **there shall be a valuation of the estates within the state taken anew once in every five years**, at least, and as much oftener as the general court shall order."
- All properties should be assessed and compared during the same time period in order to ensure equality amongst assessed values in a municipality.
- Barring the use of statistical updates relieves taxpayers of the burden of their "affected areas or classes of property" (Rev. 601.24) from being revalued when other areas or classes are not subject to such revaluation.

**HB 249
NAY
on
ITL**

HB 414-FN-A, establishing an assessment on motor vehicle inspections to be deposited in the police standards and training council training fund.

Committee report: Transportation : ITL (11-3)

This bill, raising car inspections five dollars to fund a police training program, is anti-liberty:

- Motor vehicle safety inspections have nothing to do with officer training.
- This bill would take more than eight million additional dollars from vehicle owners annually.

**HB 414
YEA
on
ITL**

HB 166-FN-A-L, reducing the rate of the meals and rooms tax.

Committee report: Ways and Means : OTP (16-5)

This bill, reducing the recent increase in the meals and rooms tax, is pro-liberty:

- Tax decreases fuel small businesses which are the backbone of the NH economy.
- If this legislation passed prior to the adoption of the budget, it would reduce state spending.

**HB 166
YEA
on
OTP**

HB 83, relative to vessel registration.

Committee report: Transportation : OTP (10-1)

This bill, which requires all motorized vessels to be registered in NH waters, is anti-liberty.

- A boat tethered to a private dock or mooring shouldn't require registration.
- Some boats never leave the dock and are used more as luxury condos than watercraft.

**HB 83
NAY
on
OTP**