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HB 416, adding an exemption from immunization for conscientious beliefs.

Committee report: Children and Family Law : ITL (8-3)

This bill, exempting conscientious objectors from compulsory vaccinations, is **pro-liberty**:

- This bill will uphold citizen’s rights as protected by Part 1, Art. 4 of the NH Constitution : “Rights of Conscience Unalienable.” No vaccine or other medical treatment should be forced on any person.
- The current religious exemption is interpreted by the public and medical community as an “all or nothing” exemption. The state of Texas recently added a conscientious belief exemption and saw their vaccination rates increase because the new exemption allowed individuals to chose vaccines they have skipped because of the ‘all or none’ nature of the religious exemption.
- It would not repeal RSA 141C:20-d, which requires unvaccinated children to remain home from school in the event of an outbreak.

HB 416
NAY
on
ITL

HB 145, permitting the audio and video recording of a law enforcement officer while in the course of her or her official duties.

Committee report: Criminal Justice and Public Safety : OTP / A (13-4)

This bill, creating a wiretapping law exemption for recording law enforcement, is **pro-liberty**.

- On the job means on the record: Part I, Art. 8 of the New Hampshire Constitution provides that officers and agents of the government are at all times accountable to the people.
- A member of law enforcement has a right to record you without your consent at a traffic stop, but citizens recording the exact same conversation have been threatened and even charged with a felony.

HB 145
YEA
on
OTP

HB 210-FN, relative to the use of deadly force to protect oneself.

Committee report: Criminal Justice and Public Safety : OTP (9-8)

This bill, which allows people to defend themselves when attacked, is **pro-liberty**:

- [Art.] 2-a. [The Bearing of Arms.] All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state.
- People in fear for their lives should not have to retreat but should be able to defend themselves.

HB 210
YEA
on
OTP

HB 225-FN, relative to the return of personal property confiscated by law enforcement agencies from a person charged with a crime.

Committee report: Criminal Justice and Public Safety : OTP/A (11-5)

This bill, which has incentives for police to carefully handle and return property, is **pro-liberty**:

- Part 1, Art. 8 NH constitution “Government, therefore, should be open, accessible, accountable and responsive.”
- Often property is seized involuntarily from innocent people before adjudication; this puts an equal responsibility on law enforcement to return personal property.

HB 225
YEA
on
OTP

HB 235, relative to the right to possess a firearm in one's personal motor vehicle.

Committee report: Criminal Justice and Public Safety : ITL (9-8)

This bill, which infringes on the right of people to control their own property, is **anti-liberty**:

- This is not a gun bill, this is a property rights bill. The right to be armed derives from the right to defend oneself, which in turn derives from the right to property.
- It is in the rational self-interest of property owners to not hinder what people may carry in their vehicles, but this should not be mandated by law.
- This bill is anti-liberty because it forces property owners to allow firearms without their consent.

HB 235
YEA
on
ITL

HB 330-FN, relative to carrying firearms.

Committee report: Criminal Justice and Public Safety : OTP / A (11-6)

This bill, allowing people to carry tools of defense without permission or notice, is **pro-liberty**:

- This bill complies with Part 1 Art. 2a of the NH Constitution, protecting a person’s right to keep and bear arms, while also recognizing law enforcement’s interest in prohibiting certain persons from carrying.
- Statistically, people who lawfully carry guns have a crime rate that is vanishingly small when compared to the population in general. There is no valid reason to license them in the first place.
- We support amendment 2011-0811h (striking item II (j) from the bill) because including Federal statutes in our laws leaves them open for modification without the consent of the legislature.

HB 330
YEA
on
OTP

HB 378-FN, inserting an exception to the criminal threatening statute.

Committee report: Ciminal Justice and Public Safety : OTP / A (13 - 3)

This bill, allowing people to carry weapons when investigating trespassers, is **pro-liberty**.

- This adds to the affirmative defenses in RSA's 627:3 (competing harms) and 627:4 (self-defense).
- People have a right to take precautionary measures when investigating a trespasser.
- The difference between 'carrying' and 'brandishing' a weapon is highly subjective. A homeowner should not be subject to malicious accusation from someone who initiated contact by trespassing.

**HB 378
YEA
on
OTP**

HB 422, prohibiting vaccinations in public schools.

Committee report: Education : ITL (11 - 4)

This bill, promoting parental responsibility in the healthcare of their children, is **pro-liberty**.

- This bill prevents the administration of vaccines in public schools except in declared emergencies.
- Permitting vaccination in public schools circumvents the critical dialog between parent and physician that is necessary for the proper conditions of Informed Consent.
- It is not the role of the public schools to administer non-emergency, non-life threatening medical treatments.

**HB 422
NAY
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ITL**

HB 429, permitting a child 16 years of age or older to withdraw from school with parental permission.

Committee report: Education : Without Recommendation

This bill, which allows more educational freedom, is **pro-liberty**:

- Parents are responsible for their children and should be able to to direct the educational plan of their children without permission of the school system.
- This allows students (with parental permission) to pursue other educational options.
- Some students respond much better to vocational, on-the-job, and "hands-on" learning better than a strict classroom environment.

**HB 429
YEA
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OTP**

HB 542-FN, (new title) prohibiting a school district from requiring that a parent send his or her child to any school or program to which the parent may be conscientiously opposed.

Committee report: Education : OTP/A (11 - 6)

This bill, allowing parents to opt-out of school programs they disapprove of, is **pro-liberty**.

- This bill as amended upholds Part 1, Art. 4 of the NH Constitution: "Right of Conscience Unalienable" and will level the playing field for ALL parents.
- Provides all parents choosing instruction for their children outside the public school system the same guarantee of protection from state intervention.
- Would put court decisions/rules into statute and preventing the re-arguing of issues that are presently agreed to.

**HB 542
YEA
on
OTP**

HB 331-FN, relative to posting agency expenditures on the state transparency website.

Committee report: Executive Departments and Administration : OTP / A (11 - 0)

This bill, mandating state agencies to track and publish their costs monthly, is **pro-liberty**:

- After twelve months, year over year comparisons will be available on an ongoing basis.
- Journalists and watchdog groups will have up to date budget facts rather than extrapolated conjecture. This will lead to a more informed citizenry.
- Inconsistencies may be caught and corrected early, which leads to better governance.

**HB 331
YEA
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OTP**

HB 623, prohibiting preferences in recruiting, hiring, promotion, or admission by state agencies, the university system, the community college system, and the postsecondary education commission.

Committee report: Executive Departments and Administration : ITL (9 - 6)

This bill, which is mislabeled, and actually allows meritorious preferences, is **pro-liberty**:

- Affirmative action is coerced discrimination.
- People should be hired based on what they can do, not on what arbitrary social class or group they are perceived to belong to.

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