

New Hampshire Liberty Alliance Gold Standard

HB	402	NAY/ITL
HB	311	NAY/ITL
HB	387	NAY/ITL
HB	323	NAY/ITL
HB	134	NAY/OTP
HB	219	YEA/0TP

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HB 402, relative to con board.	nplaint investigation procedures of the guardian ad litem
Committee recommendation:	Children & Family Law, 15–1 ITL

This bill, which would allow citizens to have voice against a government agent, is pro-liberty:

• The people ought to always have the power to register and have heard a complaint against an agent of the government, especially one whose work can so significantly affect their lives.

HB 311, establishing a statutory expectation of privacy in personal materials.	HB
Committee recommendation: Judiciary, 15–4 ITL	
This bill, which would establish a legally-recognized expectation of privacy, is pro-liberty:	311
 This bill establishes an expectation of privacy in certain "personal materials" such as fingerprints, saliva, hair, and household papers, unless a search warrant is supported by probable cause. 	NAY
Breaches of this privacy right are punishable as a class B misdemeanor, or as a class B felony for	on
subsequent violations.	ITL

HB 387, relative to immunity of guardians ad litem.

Committee recommendation: Judiciary, 15-2 ITL

This bill, which would protect guardians ad litem, is pro-liberty:

- It protect guardians ad litem by providing judicial immunity.
- It provides a measure of accountability by removing their judicial immunity in the event of grossly negligent, malicious, or corrupt acts.



HB 323-FN, establishing the Franklin Partin right-to-work act.

Committee recommendation: Labor, Industrial, & Rehabilitative Services, 13-5 ITL

This bill, which would exempt 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 dues to that union anyway is an act of coercion.

- Employment should be solely based upon the mutual benefit between employee and business.
- The NHLA opposes the criminal penalties and notice posting requirements contained in this bill.

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HB 134, relative to contingency funds in towns.

Committee recommendation: Municipal & County Government, 11-4 OTP

This bill, which would allow towns to create contingency funds for unanticipated expenditures, is **anti-liberty**:

 This bill would allow town departments to more easily go over budget, knowing that this additional town "slush fund" would cover for their irresponsibility.

 Currently, if a town truly needs additional monies to cover an emergency situation, they can petition the Superior Court to hold a special town meeting, allowing the town's legislative body-the people-to approve or disapprove of such expenditures. If this bill were to pass, however, it would remove the people from this equation and place the selectmen in that role.

HB 219, limiting the authority of delegates to Article V convention. Committee recommendation: State-Federal Relations & Veterans Affairs, without recommendation This bill, which would limit the authority of delegates to a constitutional convention, is pro-liberty: This bill enables the people to hold accountable a delegate to a constitutional convention called pursuant to Article V of the Constitution for the United States of America, should that delegate violate their oath of office and consider or support amendments outside of the people's stated intent. Petitioner Representative Mark Warden on behalf of Ian Freeman, Jason Talley, Kate Ager, and Adam Mueller of Keene. Committee recommendation: n/a This petition, which would seek redress by passage of a House resolution asking that certain orders of county officials, relative to access to the Superior Court, be rescinded, introduction of legislation allowing the public to record actions within courtrooms, and introduction of legislation prohibiting a judge from establishing rules of decorum in his or her courtroom, is pro-liberty: The New Hampshire Constitution states that citizens may seek redress of their grievances from the General Court. • Freedom of the press and of speech are guaranteed by both the New Hampshire and U.S. constitutions. If the petitioners' rights were denied by a subdivision of the state, it is the General Court's duty to consider the grievance.

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