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## REGULAR CALENDAR • PART I

### HB 315-FN, relative to liquor commission discounts.

Committee recommendation: Commerce & Consumer Affairs: 15-3 ITL

This bill, which would equalize the wholesale discount rate on wine for all retailers, is **pro-liberty**:

- This bill would uphold Part 1, Article 10 of the New Hampshire Constitution: "Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family or class of men."
- The State should not interfere with the operation of the free market.

**HB  
315  
NAY  
on  
ITL**

### HB 472, relative to residential units in rooming houses.

Committee recommendation: Commerce & Consumer Affairs: 10-7 OTP

This bill, which increases the regulations for landlords, is **anti-liberty**:

- This bill increase regulations on rooming house landlords by conferring legal "tenancy" status on occupants residing in the rooming house for ninety days or more.
- An unintended consequence that this bill could create would be a shortage of very low-income housing, which would result in many current occupants ending up in homeless shelters at taxpayer expense.

**HB  
472  
NAY  
on  
OTP**

### HB 153, prohibiting the designation of industrial hemp as a controlled substance.

Committee recommendation: Criminal Justice & Public Safety: 17-2 OTP

This bill, which would enable the growing of industrial hemp, is **pro-liberty**:

- Hemp is a versatile crop. In modern times it has been used for industrial purposes including paper, textiles, clothing, biodegradable plastics, construction, body products, health food, and bio-fuel.
- U.S. retail sales are estimated to exceed \$350 million annually. The U.S. market for hemp clothing and textiles is approximated at \$100 million annually. The estimate of total sales also includes between \$60 million and \$100 million annually for hemp-based foods, nutritional supplements, and body care products.
- Producers could earn roughly \$120 per acre when growing industrial hemp for straw alone or straw and grain, and \$340 an acre from growing certified hemp seed.

**HB  
153  
YEA  
on  
OTP**

### HB 382-FN, reducing the nonresident fee for obtaining a license for a pistol or a revolver.

Committee recommendation: Criminal Justice & Public Safety: 17-2 ITL

This bill, which would reduce the fee for out-of-staters to obtain a pistol permit, is **pro-liberty**:

- This bill reduces a large fee charged to people who wish to engage in the natural right of self-defense.
- This bill will bring non-resident fees back in line with resident fees, rather than trying to make it into a revenue source, as it was when this fee was increased several years ago.
- The Department of Safety has stated they have actually seen a decrease in revenue since the rate was raised from \$20 to \$100. Lowering the fee would regain those lost revenues and attract tourists into the state.

**HB  
382  
NAY  
on  
ITL**

## HB 299-FN, relative to tuition payments for chartered public school pupils.

Committee recommendation: Education: 11–8 OTP

This bill, which would allow the Board of Education to end the moratorium on charter schools, is **pro-liberty**:

- The legislative intent of the 110% clause (2012) was to provide financial support of New Hampshire's public charter schools in light of the DOE's under-projection of future N.H. public charter school enrollments. This support represents the Legislature's intent and obligation to fund the adequacy of N.H.'s public students, whether they flourish in a public district or public charter school (RSA 198:42).
- The State Board of Education's decision last September to deny any new charter applicants authorization was based on their questioning the Legislature's intent to fund the adequacy of New Hampshire public charter schools. They questioned their ability to bind the next Legislature; however, every public school student binds the next Legislature for education expenses.
- This correction to the 110% clause has the support of the New Hampshire Attorney General's office and the Board of Education as a fix to the charter school moratorium.

**HB  
299  
YEA  
on  
OTP**

## HB 669-FN-L, relative to nonpayment of property taxes on current use land.

Committee recommendation: Environment & Agriculture: 15–2 ITL

This bill, which would severely increase penalties for nonpayment of property taxes, is **anti-liberty**:

- This bill would violate Part 1, Article 18 of the New Hampshire Constitution, that all penalties ought to be proportional to the nature of the offense.

**HB  
669  
YEA  
on  
ITL**

## HB 654-FN, relative to licensure and renewal fees.

Committee recommendation: Executive Departments & Administration: 15–3 OTP

This bill, which would restore powers to the elected legislature, is **pro-liberty**:

- This bill establishes licensure and renewal fees by statute rather than by administrative rule for a number of small boards.
- This bill reduces fees for the cost of the boards which allows more employment opportunities.

**HB  
654  
YEA  
on  
OTP**

## HB 614-FN, limiting the authorization for new annual general fund-supported debt.

Committee recommendation: Finance: 14–11 ITL

This bill, which would return the State to more prudent debt levels by limiting the authorization of new debt, is **pro-liberty**:

- It would limit the authorization of new debt to no more than 90% of retired debt.
- It would help to ensure a positive bond rating for New Hampshire.

**HB  
614  
NAY  
on  
ITL**

## HB 316-FN, relative to regulating alkaline hydrolysis for the disposal of human remains.

Committee recommendation: Health, Human Services, & Elderly Affairs: 15–2 OTP/A

This bill, which would provide additional choices for the disposal of human remains, is **pro-liberty**:

- Currently, performing alkaline hydrolysis in N.H. is a misdemeanor; this bill would decriminalize it.
- This could provide for a less expensive and eco-friendly alternative to traditional cremation or burial for the disposal of the remains of a loved ones.

**HB  
316  
YEA  
on  
OTP/A**

## HB 295, ... background checks for volunteers and employees at youth skill camps.

Committee recommendation: Resources, Recreation and Development: 17-2 OTP/A

This bill, which would require criminal background checks by yet another, is **anti-liberty**:

- It makes the State violate individuals' privacy and meddles in the private affairs of private companies. Background checks are already standard procedure for many youth camps, generally required in order to obtain liability insurance. This bill is an attempt to fix a problem that has already been solved by the private sector.
- This sort of mandate will have the unintended consequence of driving away volunteers and employees who simply wish to protect their privacy.
- It feeds into the overblown moral panic over pedophilia that has been gripping our nation since the 1980s.
- It creates a new \$25 fee that these people must pay to the State in order to secure a private-sector job.

**HB  
295  
NAY  
on  
OTP/A**

## HB 146, increasing the speed limit on a portion of I-93 to 70 miles per hour.

Committee recommendation: Transportation: 10-4 OTP

This bill, which would increase the speed limit on a rural portion of I-93, is **pro-liberty**:

- It would decrease the number of penalties handed out for the victimless act of speeding.
- This would only increase the speed limit by five miles per hour, which has not been shown to increase accident rates.

*The NHLA also supports related bills HB 289-FN (NAY on ITL) and HB 291-FN (NAY on ITL).*

**HB  
146  
YEA  
on  
OTP**

## HB 345, repealing the prohibition on tinted glass in motor vehicles.

Committee recommendation: Transportation: 14-1 ITL

This bill, repeals the prohibition on tinted glass in motor vehicles, is **pro-liberty**:

- Drivers from other states may drive on our roads with tinted glass; the currently law only applies to vehicles registered in New Hampshire.
- The current restriction only applies to after-market tinting; factory tinting is not prohibited.

**HB  
345  
NAY  
on  
ITL**

## HB 411-FN-A, repealing a future reduction in vessel registration fees.

Committee recommendation: Transportation: 12-2 OTP

This bill, which would repeal a decrease in vessel registration fees, is **anti-liberty**:

- Repealing an already-planned decrease is effectively an increase.

**HB  
411  
NAY  
on  
OTP**

## HB 423-L, relative to amending official ballot warrant articles.

Committee recommendation: Municipal & County Government: 15-0 ITL

This bill, which would prohibit amending a petitioned warrant article at a deliberative session in SB 2 towns, is **anti-liberty**:

- This bill would make it impossible to correct or clarify petitioned warrant articles if problems are discovered with one (for example, a specific dollar figure must be changed), potentially rendering an article unimplementable even if it were to pass.
- This bill would establish different, stricter rules for SB 2 towns than for traditional town meeting towns, where such amendments would still be able to take place.

**HB  
423  
YEA  
on  
ITL**

## REGULAR CALENDAR • PART II

### HB 247-FN, increasing compensation for wrongful incarceration.

Committee recommendation: Criminal Justice & Public Safety: 10–9 OTP

This bill, which would increase the compensation for wrongfully convicted individuals, is **pro-liberty**:

- Currently, regardless of how long an innocent person may spend in prison, they would only be awarded \$20,000 for their wrongful incarceration. This bill would increase it to \$20,000 for each year spent in prison.
- New Hampshire currently has the *lowest* statutory wrongful conviction compensation in the entire nation. This bill would fix that.

**HB  
247  
YEA  
on  
OTP**

### HB 453, repealing the prospective repeal of the information and analysis center.

Committee recommendation: Criminal Justice & Public Safety: 14–5 OTP

This bill, preventing the repeal of New Hampshire’s IAC (“Fusion Center”), is **anti-liberty**:

- The IAC cedes state sovereignty to the federal government.
- Fusion Centers in other states, such as Missouri, were shown to have included activists and accountability watchdogs on their “terrorist” watch lists.
- Several state employees are assigned to the IAC. With limited resources in the state budget, these people could be reassigned to more important duties in law enforcement, education, or road construction.
- Placing sandbags during the spring thaw can be handled without a federal bureaucracy overseeing our response to weather conditions.

**HB  
453  
NAY  
on  
OTP**

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### HB 479, relative to the creation and division of school districts.

Committee recommendation: Education: ITL : 18–0

This bill, restoring local control of school districts, is **pro-liberty**:

- The district system is: (1) a well-tested, moderate solution providing school choice while keeping taxpayer funds within the public schools, (2) allows communities to opt out of uniform curricula, such as Common Core, and (3) opens the door to innovation and increased parental involvement
- Waiving state funding in one district leaves a larger pool of available funds for the remaining districts.
- A district cannot be handpicked as enrollment is open to all residents.
- New districts can lease space in existing districts, easing transitions and minimizing budget uncertainty.

**HB  
479  
NAY  
on  
ITL**