SB 189 YEA/OTPA SB 45 YEA/OTP SB 164 NAY/OTPA

11 NAY/OTP

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REGULAR CALENDAR

SB 189-FN, relative to the licensure of fuel gas fitters and plumbers by a mechanical licensing board established within the department of safety and transferring regulation of plumbers to the mechanical licensing board.

Committee recommendation: Executive Departments & Administration, 17–2 OTP/A

This bill is pro-liberty:

- It reduces the mandatory training hours currently required to be a fuel gas service technician from 5,000 to 2,000, and also allows 750 of the 2,000 hours to be fulfilled while servicing oil-fired appliances.
- The new education requirements are set in statute, rather than rules, ensuring that only the democraticallyelected Legislature has the power to amend these requirements rather than unelected bureaucrats.

SB 45, relative to electronic prescriptions.

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Committee recommendation: Health, Human Services, & Elderly Affairs, 16–2 OTP

This bill is pro-liberty:

 It allows patients quicker access to medicine they need: If the approval process by a health benefit plan takes more than 48 hours to complete, access to the drug will automatically be approved.

SB 164, authorizing coastal management provisions in master plans.

Committee recommendation: Resources, Recreation, & Development, 11-9 OTP/A

This bill is anti-liberty:

- This bill allows New Hampshire towns and cities to add even more regulations to local planning and zoning ordinances, further controlling people's private property.
- Additionally, the bill is based on a mere theory—sea level rise—as opposed to facts.

CONSENT CALENDAR

SB 11, relative to water and sewer utility districts and water or sewer utility districts.

Committee recommendation: Municipal & County Government, 18-0 OTP

This bill is anti-liberty:

- Rather than establishing user fees for water services, this bill allows towns and cities to fund the services via property tax assessments—not only does this allow people who use more water to potentially be billed the same as those who use less, but it also means people who are not even using the service might end up paying for it.
- This bill will promote the further development of centralized water and sewer services, services which often result in localities banning people from installing their own wells or septic tanks, and further increasing people's dependence on government-provided services.

SB 11 NAY on OTP