



# GOLD STANDARD



## SB 32, relative to state agency budgetary reporting requirements.

# SB 32

Finance Committee Recommendation: OTP/A, 6-0

### PRO-LIBERTY: This bill increases government transparency.

- Fiscal responsibility requires representatives to have accurate knowledge about spending by government entities.
- Taxpayers have a right to know how their money is being spent.
- Reporting requirements are reasonable, and not arduous.

# YEA OTP/A

## SB 261-FN, establishing a state minimum wage.

# SB 261

Finance Committee Recommendation: ITL, 4-2

### ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill infringes on the freedom of workers and employers.

- Minimum wage laws lower the number of entry-level jobs and make it harder for people of low skill to gain critical experience.
- Higher wages for everyone are better accomplished through job creation - more jobs means more competition to hire all workers.
- Workers and employers have a right to contract for whatever wage they wish. It is wrong for government to legally prohibit voluntary employment agreements.

# YEA ITL

## SB 205-FN, relative to the governor's office and the legislature under the electioneering law.

# SB 205

Judiciary Committee Recommendation: OTP/A, 3-2

### PRO-LIBERTY: This bill increases government transparency and accountability

- Protects the public's right to transparency as recognized in Art. 8 of the NH constitution, by applying right to know statutes to the office of the governor.
- Appropriately holds government officials accountable for misuse of taxpayer resources, by extending electioneering laws to employees of the office of the governor, and of the general court.

# YEA OTP/A

## SB 126-FN, prohibiting the placement of political signs in public rights-of-way.

# SB 126

Public and Municipal Affairs Committee Recommendation: ITL, 4-1

### ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill restricts speech on public rights of way.

- Public political speech should be protected, even when inconvenient.
- This bill is unenforceable. There is no feasible way for a government worker or member of the public to know whether or not signs along rights of way have been approved by an abutting property owner.
- NH DOT already has discretion to remove political signage along major highways and rights of way as necessary.

## YEA ITL

## SB 146, relative to accessory dwelling units.

# SB 146

Public and Municipal Affairs Committee Recommendation: OTP/A, 4-0

### PRO-LIBERTY: This bill protects the right of property owners to build accessory dwelling units.

- Many NH residents are currently prevented by arduous zoning laws from building accessory dwelling units.
- The needs and demographics of NH residents are shifting. Accessory dwelling units make it possible for aging parents to live with adult children, elderly residents to retain their independence by obtaining live-in aid, and young adult children to share housing costs with parents.
- The right of property owners to make their own choices about their property should be respected. Increasing housing flexibility benefits everyone.

## YEA OTP/A

### BILLS FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

## SB 262-FN, relative to the form of drivers' licenses and identification cards

# SB 262

Transportation Committee: ITL, 5-0

### ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill imposes an invasive federal program on NH residents.

- This bill would violate NH citizens' privacy by requiring that drivers' licenses and non-driver IDs provide personal data in a machine readable format.
- The REAL ID Act was an ill-considered legislative boondoggle and unfunded mandate. States around the country, including New Hampshire, were right to refuse the national ID project when DHS first attempted to implement it, and are right to continue to do so.
- There is no pressing harm that this legislation addresses. A national ID is anti-liberty and unnecessary.

## YEA ITL