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HB 455 YEA OTP

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HB 455, relative to the penalty for capital murder.

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Judiciary: OTP 4-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill changes the penalty for capital murder to life imprisonment without the possibility for parole.

**YEA
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- Long-term incarceration costs NH taxpayers less than the death penalty.
- If a person is convicted and incarcerated but is later found innocent of wrongdoing, the sentence is at least partially reversible. The death penalty is irreversible.
- There are two primary reasons to apprehend those who commit crimes against persons or property. The first reason is to obtain restitution for the victim of the crime, to whatever extent possible. The second reason is to prevent those who present a continuing threat to others from committing further crimes. Given the availability of secure prison facilities, the death penalty as it exists in New Hampshire is necessary for neither of these purposes.