

2006 Liberty Rating for the New Hampshire Senate

This is the third report card issued by the *New Hampshire Liberty Alliance*, and the first including ratings for the members of the State Senate. Our first report card was released at the 2004 Liberty Dinner to great fanfare, gaining us lasting attention and influence.

This year we have released our largest report card yet, based on 29 roll call votes for the House and 21 roll call votes for the Senate. Our hope is to have a major impact in Concord and throughout the state for the coming year. As we did in 2004, we will use this report card, and last year's, to determine which representatives to support in the 2006 general election. This is part of our continuing work to send friends of liberty to Concord.

These ratings are based on pro-liberty and anti-liberty votes. *Pro-Liberty Votes* are for individual freedom of choice and personal responsibility... recognize the superiority of freedom over coercion... respect the citizen's right of self-ownership... promote good government... and recognize that voluntary economic decisions are more productive than politically motivated schemes of bureaucracies. *Anti-Liberty Votes* replace self-governance with interventionist ownership... assume agencies backed by force are superior to voluntary choices backed by personal accountability... and assume a better economy can be designed by a central authority that compels communities to pay for policies the people do not willingly support.

The *Liberty Rating* is the results of hundreds of hours of work by many volunteers who read and analyzed bills, testified before committees, called and wrote their representatives, alerted friends and neighbors to important issues, designed websites, held signs, created spreadsheets, and numerous other tasks. While this report card bears the seal of the NHLA board, it is the product of our members' commitment to liberty.



2006 New Hampshire Senate Liberty Ratings

<u>District</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1	Republican	Gallus, John	76.0%	B
11	Republican	Bragdon, Peter	71.0%	B
4	Republican	Boyce, Robert	66.0%	B
22	Republican	Morse, Chuck	63.0%	C+
16	Republican	Gatsas, Theodore	61.0%	C+
7	Republican	Flanders, Robert	57.3%	C+
14	Republican	Clegg, Robert	56.0%	C+
17	Republican	Barnes, John	56.0%	C+
6	Republican	Green, Richard	55.1%	C+
19	Republican	Letourneau, Robert	55.0%	C+
9	Republican	Roberge, Sheila	53.0%	C
18	Republican	Martel, Andre'	53.0%	C
10	Republican	Eaton, Thomas	51.0%	C
2	Republican	Johnson, Carl	51.0%	C
12	Democrat	Gottesman, David	41.0%	D+
3	Republican	Kenney, Joseph	40.0%	D+
5	Democrat	Burling, Peter	38.0%	D+
23	Democrat	Hassan, Margaret	38.0%	D+
21	Democrat	Estabrook, Iris	36.0%	D+
13	Democrat	Foster, Joseph	36.0%	D+
8	Republican	Odell, Bob	35.0%	D+
24	Democrat	Fuller Clark, Martha	33.0%	D
15	Democrat	Larsen, Sylvia	33.0%	D
20	Democrat	D'Allesandro, Lou	17.5%	F

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<u>Bill#</u>	<u>NHLA Opinion</u>	<u>Senate Vote</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Short Description of Bill</u>
CACR30	Favor	Passed 24-0	PF	Provides that a person's property shall not be taken by eminent domain if the taking is for private use.
CACR41	Favor	Passed 16-7	GG	Provides that representative districts shall be apportioned according to specified standards.
CACR43	Favor	Failed 14-10	EF	Provides that the legislature shall determine and define the content, extent, and funding of education.
HB37	Oppose	Passed 23-0	EF	Mandates health insurance coverage for full-time students on medical leaves of absence.
HB66	Oppose	Failed 15-8	EF	Regulates mandatory overtime for nurses and assistants.
HB177	Oppose	Laid On Table 15-8	EF	Regulates home improvement contractors.
HB406	Favor	Passed 17-5	PF	Eliminating curriculum reporting requirement for home schools.
HB678	Favor	Passed 23-0	EF	Reduces the insurance premium tax.
HB1177	Oppose	Failed 12-11	PF	Prohibits smoking in restaurants, cocktail lounges, and certain enclosed public places.
HB1222	Favor	Passed 15-8	GG	Makes it a class B felony to vote in more than one state at the same election or to vote more than once for any office or measure.
HB1335	Oppose	Passed 24-0	PF	Grants authority to the governor to call in out-of-state law enforcement officers during a state of emergency.
HB1452	Oppose	Passed 24-0	EF	Mandates insurance coverage for the cost of testing for bone marrow donation.
HB1458	Oppose	Passed 15-7	EF	Regulating Landscape architects
HB1506	Oppose	Laid On Table 13-11	PF	Requires children 12 years of age or under to wear floatation devices.
HB1582	Favor	Failed 14-9	PF	Prohibits New Hampshire from participating in a national identification card system.
HB1711	Oppose	Passed 23-1	EF	Regulating fuel gas fitters

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SB268	Oppose	Passed 17-7	PF	Raises the age of required attendance of children in school.
SB314	Oppose	Passed 20-3	EF	Mandates minimum renewable standards for energy portfolios of energy providers.
SB318	Favor	Passed 12-11	PF	Enacts protection for the right to the use deadly force to protect oneself.
SB350	Oppose	Passed 18-5	EF	Requires licenses for animal boarding.
SB403	Favor	Passed 16-8	GG	Enacts various measures to verify the identity of a person who registers or attempts to vote.

The complete Senate report card is available at www.nhliberty.org