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New Hampshire House and Senate Voting Records 2011 Session

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Granite State Priorities is committed to ensuring that our state is a good place to live, work and visit. We believe that an effective public sector—schools and colleges, roads and bridges, laws and courts, police and fire protection, water and sewage systems, health and human services, the preservation of our natural resources—is the foundation of a thriving economy and shared prosperity, and the reason we pay taxes. Past generations built and maintained this foundation for us, and it is up to us to maintain it, but our outdated revenue system can no longer support it.

Granite State Priorities brings together concerned citizens to achieve common-sense fiscal reforms necessary to sustain our state and communities and make taxes affordable for all.

In 2011, GSP identified and advocated for or against eleven bills (including the two budget bills) that advance or oppose this goal. Seven of them reached a floor vote in one or both legislative chambers. This document compiles those votes. It shows which legislators share GSP's vision for a healthy and prosperous New Hampshire, and which do not.

We encourage you to communicate regularly with your legislators about your priorities for New Hampshire, and to ask them about their votes.

You can find your legislators' names and contact information [here](#).

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| Representative | County | District | HB 1 | HB 2 | CACR 6 | CACR 12 | SB 2 | HB 238 |
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| Abrami, Patrick | Rock | 13 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Accornero, Harry | Belk | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Aguiar, James | Graf | 6 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Ahlgren, Christopher | Carr | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Allen, Mary | Rock | 11 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Almy, Susan | Graf | 11 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Andolina, Donald | Straf | 6 | O | O | O | NV | O | O |
| Antosz, Jason | Rock | 9 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Avard, Kevin | Hills | 20 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Azarian, Gary | Rock | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Babson, David | Carr | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Balboni, Michael | Hills | 21 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Baldasaro, Alfred | Rock | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Ball, J. Michael | Hills | 9 | O | O | O | NV | O | O |
| Barody, Benjamin | Hills | 13 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Barry, J. Gail | Hills | 16 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Barry, Richard | Hills | 19 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Bates, David | Rock | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Beattie, Thomas | Hills | 17 | O | O | O | NV | NV | NV |
| Belanger, James | Hills | 5 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Belanger, Ronald | Rock | 4 | O | O | NV | NV | O | NV |
| Belvin, William | Hills | 6 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Benn, Bernard | Graf | 9 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Bergevin, Jerry | Hills | 17 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Berube, Roger | Straf | 2 | S | S | S | S | S | O |
| Bettencourt, David | Rock | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Birdsell, Regina | Rock | 8 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Blankenbeker, Lynne | Merr | 11 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Boehm, Ralph | Hills | 27 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Bolster, Peter | Belk | 5 | O | O | S | O | O | O |
| Bouchard, Candace | Merr | 11 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Bowers, Spec | Sull | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Bradley, Lester | Graf | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Brosseau, Charles | Graf | 6 | O | O | NV | O | O | O |
| Brown, Julie | Straf | 1 | S | S | S | S | O | O |
| Brown, Kevin | Hills | 26 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Brown, Paul | Rock | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Browne, Brendon | Straf | 4 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Brownrigg, Randall | Hills | 27 | O | O | NV | O | O | O |
| Brunelle, Michael | Hills | 10 | S | S | S | S | S | S |

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The State Budget FY 2012-2013 (HB 1 & HB 2)

Budget makers faced many challenges this session. Over \$400 million used to balance the FY 2010-2011 budget were one-time funds, no longer available. Revenues dropped and needs rose in the recession. Inflation alone added to the cost of maintaining the same level of services. Hence the gap between what our state needs and the resources to pay for it. In April 2011, a UNH poll showed that nearly 75% supported balancing the budget with some combination of tax increases and spending cuts. Less than 25% supported spending cuts alone.

Yet budget makers chose to bridge the gap solely by cutting infrastructure, services and whole programs, while inexplicably reducing revenues even further, widening the gap. The FY 2012-2013 budget is \$430 million smaller than the FY 2010-2011 budget, and even farther short of the cost of maintaining the same level of service (never mind the levels actually needed). Budget makers claimed the deep cuts to (or entire elimination of) vital programs were necessary because we simply didn't have the money—and then they reduced revenues further. This budget bill and other pieces of legislation bring the total estimated revenue reductions to at least \$50 million—and that doesn't include some amounts currently impossible to calculate. (The tax cuts on tobacco products in HB 2 alone are estimated to reduce revenues by as much as \$30 million in the biennium; the full scope of the majority's intentions to reduce revenues totals nearly \$100 million, including bills "on the table" that could still be enacted.)

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| Bulis, Lyle | Graf | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Burt, John | Hills | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Butynski, William | Ches | 4 | S | S | S | S | S | NV |
| Buxton, Michael | Hills | 24 | O | S | O | O | O | NV |
| Byrnes, John | Ches | 6 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline | Rock | 16 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Campbell, David | Hills | 24 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Carr, Daniel | Ches | 4 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Cartwright, Anne | Ches | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Case, Frank | Rock | 1 | O | O | S | O | O | O |
| Cataldo, Sam | Straf | 3 | O | O | NV | O | O | O |
| Cebrowski, John | Hills | 18 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Champagne, Norma | Hills | 12 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Chandler, Gene | Carr | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Charron, Gene | Rock | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Chase, Cynthia | Ches | 3 | S | S | S | NV | S | S |
| Chirichiello, Brian | Rock | 5 | O | O | O | S | O | O |
| Christensen, D.L. Chris | Hills | 19 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Christiansen, Lars | Hills | 27 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Cloutier, John | Sull | 4 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Coffey, James | Hills | 3 | O | O | O | O | NV | O |
| Coffey, Jennifer | Merr | 6 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Cohn, Seth | Merr | 6 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Comerford, Timothy | Rock | 9 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Comtois, Guy | Belk | 5 | O | O | O | NV | O | O |
| Condra, William | Hills | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Cooney, Mary | Graf | 7 | NV | NV | S | S | S | S |
| Copeland, Timothy | Rock | 13 | S | S | O | O | O | O |
| Cote, David | Hills | 23 | S | S | S | S | S | NV |
| Coughlin, Sean | Hills | 6 | O | O | NV | O | O | O |
| Coulombe, Gary | Coos | 4 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Cox, Sean | Merr | 6 | O | O | O | NV | O | O |
| Cunningham, Steven | Sull | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Cusson-Cail, Kathleen | Hills | 14 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Daler, Jennifer | Hills | 4 | S | S | NA | NA | S | NA |
| Daniels, Gary | Hills | 6 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Daugherty, Duff | Coos | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Davenport, Joshua | Rock | 12 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Day, Russell | Hills | 7 | O | O | S | NV | NV | NV |
| DeJong, Cameron | Hills | 9 | O | S | O | O | O | O |

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What was cut, and what do those cuts mean? Let's look at two examples of the biggest cuts.

Education funding was cut, including appropriations to our community colleges and university system, which took 36% and 58% hits, respectively. For some students and families, this means tuition hikes and more debt; for others it puts college out of reach entirely. Some people have already lost their jobs in our colleges and universities; others won't ever be able to get a good job without access to that education. This effect on individuals alone—**this shift of costs** from the state to individuals—**hurts our economy** by decreasing the spending power of more people, which hurts our businesses. At the same time, the cuts increase the need for unemployment services and other programs that enlarge people's ability to contribute to society (e.g. mental health and substance abuse programs). **But the impacts don't stop at certain individuals, they harm the whole state.** Employers need an educated workforce, and this budget dramatically reduces our state's ability to provide it. In addition, the innovations that businesses depend on stem from the research, knowledge and technology produced in state university systems. **By dragging down our economy, these cuts to higher education hurt us all.**

Health and social services funds were cut. Hospitals lost \$115 million for the otherwise uncompensated care they provide; as a result, the state's largest 911 emergency service provider shut down, 60% of Nashua's in-patient psychiatric beds shut down, and hundreds of health care employees lost their jobs. Child care programs and support for unemployed parents were cut. Services for 400 of our 450 most troubled youth were cut. Again, many individuals are harmed by these cuts, from

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| DeLemus, Susan | Straf | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Deloge, Helen | Merr | 12 | S | S | S | S | NV | S |
| DeSimone, Debra | Rock | 6 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| DeStefano, Stephen | Merr | 13 | S | S | S | S | NV | S |
| Devine, James | Rock | 7 | O | O | O | NV | O | O |
| DiPentima, Rich | Rock | 16 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Doherty, Shaun | Hills | 27 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Domingo, Baldwin | Straf | 5 | S | NV | S | NV | NV | S |
| Donovan, Daniel | Hills | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Dowling, Patricia | Rock | 5 | O | O | O | S | O | O |
| Drisko, Richard | Hills | 5 | O | O | S | S | O | O |
| Duarte, Joe | Rock | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Dwinell, Richard | Ches | 5 | O | O | NV | O | O | O |
| Eaton, Stephanie | Graf | 1 | O | O | O | O | NV | O |
| Elliott, Robert | Rock | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Emerson, Susan | Ches | 7 | S | S | O | O | O | O |
| Emerton, Larry | Hills | 7 | O | O | O | NV | NV | NV |
| Erickson, Duane | Hills | 25 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Ferrante, Beverly | Rock | 5 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Fesh, Robert | Rock | 5 | O | O | O | S | O | O |
| Fields, Dennis | Belk | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Flanagan, Jack | Hills | 5 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Flanders, Donald | Belk | 4 | O | O | NV | O | O | NV |
| Fleck, Joseph | Carr | 5 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Foose, Robert | Merr | 1 | NV | NV | S | S | S | NV |
| Frazer, June | Merr | 10 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Fredette, Robert | Hills | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | S |
| Gagne, Larry | Hills | 13 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Gagnon, Raymond | Sull | 4 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Gandia, Laura | Hills | 27 | O | S | O | O | O | O |
| Garcia, Marilinda | Rock | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Gargas, Carolyn | Hills | 5 | O | O | S | S | O | O |
| Garrity, James | Rock | 6 | O | O | O | O | NV | O |
| Garrity, Patrick | Hills | 14 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Gidge, Kenneth | Hills | 24 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Gile, Mary | Merr | 10 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Gimas, John | Hills | 12 | O | O | S | S | O | S |
| Ginsburg, Philip | Straf | 7 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Gionet, Edmond | Graf | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Giuda, J. Brandon | Merr | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | O |

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the hundreds of people who lost their jobs, to the people without health insurance trying to get health care, to the desperately mentally ill with nowhere to go for care, to the families or police or corrections officers left in the lurch, to anyone in Rockingham County waiting for an ambulance, to the people with jobs who won't be able to keep them because they have lost access to safe, affordable child care, to the children who will end up in unsafe situations for lack of safe, affordable child care, to the hundreds of our most vulnerable families who cannot get a job and are about to lose the roof over their head, to our 400 most troubled children. **But the impacts don't stop at these particular people, they ripple out to many other people, spreading human and financial costs, dragging down the whole economy.** The hundreds of unemployed parents who paid their rent with the help of the Unemployed Parents Program have been told by the state to just stop paying it. Other rents will rise to compensate. Without the CHINS (Children in Need of Services) program, the troubles of 400 troubled kids will spread, to their families and their employers, to their schools and teachers and classmates, to police, to the courts, to corrections, to our communities. With the cut in funds for uncompensated care, health care costs will rise, which means health insurance premiums will rise for families and employers (including the state itself, and cities and towns). **The needs and the costs of meeting them don't go away; these cuts just shift the costs, dragging down the economy, hurting us all.**

This budget fails in two ways. First, it leaves vital needs unmet now, letting them grow more complicated and costly to meet later. And it shifts more and more of the costs onto individuals, businesses and local taxes—all to preserve a tax system in which the richest citizens pay one

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| Goley, Jeffrey | Hills | 8 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Gonzalez, Carlos | Hills | 17 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Gorman, Mary | Hills | 23 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Gould, Franklin | Graf | 11 | S | S | S | S | NV | S |
| Gould, Kenneth | Rock | 5 | S | S | S | S | O | S |
| Graham, John | Hills | 18 | O | O | S | O | O | O |
| Grassie, Anne | Straf | 1 | S | S | S | NV | S | S |
| Greazzo, Phil | Hills | 17 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Greemore, Robert | Belk | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Griffin, Mary | Rock | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Groen, Warren | Straf | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Haefner, Robert | Hills | 27 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Hagan, Joseph | Rock | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Hamm, Christine | Merr | 4 | S | S | S | S | S | NV |
| Hansen, Peter | Hills | 6 | O | O | O | O | NV | O |
| Harding, Laurie | Graf | 11 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Hardwick, Harry | Hills | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Harty, Martin | Straf | 3 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | O |
| Hatch, William | Coos | 3 | S | S | S | S | NV | S |
| Hawkes, Samuel | Ches | 3 | S | S | S | S | O | S |
| Hawkins, Kenneth | Hills | 18 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Headd, James | Rock | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Hess, David | Merr | 9 | O | O | S | O | O | NV |
| Hikel, John | Hills | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Hill, Gregory | Merr | 6 | O | O | O | NV | O | O |
| Hinch, Richard | Hills | 19 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Hoell, J.R. | Merr | 13 | O | S | O | O | O | O |
| Hoelzel, Kathleen | Rock | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Hofemann, Roland | Straf | 6 | NV | NV | O | S | NV | S |
| Hogan, Edith | Hills | 25 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Hogan, Timothy | Hills | 23 | O | O | NV | O | O | NV |
| Holden, Frank | Hills | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Hooper, Dorothea | Straf | 5 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Hopper, Gary | Hills | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Horrigan, Timothy | Straf | 7 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Howard, Thomas | Sull | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Hunt, John | Ches | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Hutchinson, Karen | Rock | 3 | O | O | NV | O | O | O |
| Hutchinson, Winfred | Hills | 9 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Huxley, Robert | Hills | 3 | NA | NA | NV | NV | NA | NV |

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fourth the effective rate of those living in poverty.

In the end, this budget shifts costs to our children and grandchildren, who will pay for all its failures of prevention and maintenance. For these reasons, GSP opposed this budget.

The framers and supporters of this budget are ideologically committed to the narrowest possible role for government and the public sector. They imagine that economic development and prosperity can take place in a vacuum, without research, without healthy and educated people, without plowed roads, without sound bridges — without, in short, the public investments that government is uniquely equipped to provide. Support for this budget is a fundamental rejection of the notion of the common good, and of common sense — that an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure, that we rely today on the public investments of the past, and that it is up to us to maintain these investments for our children and grandchildren. The recession — and the chronic inadequacy of New Hampshire’s revenue structure to meet the state’s needs — handed the framers and supporters of this budget an excuse (“we can’t afford it”) to wage their ideological war on government.

But the fact is, we can afford it. New Hampshire is one of the wealthiest states in the country. We rank dead last in the nation in the share of personal income we contribute to state and local revenues (12.5% in FY 2008). If we were to contribute just the national average (15.9%), we could have raised \$1.93 billion in FY 2008 — almost enough to cover the whole amount needed for the general and education funds per year (roughly \$2.35 billion in FY 2011). Certainly plenty enough to cover a \$500 million gap. **Our state does not lack the resources to sustain itself, it merely lacks the will to tap them.** Lawmakers made the choice to stop

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| Infantine, William | Hills | 13 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Ingbretson, Paul | Graf | 5 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Introne, Robert | Rock | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Itse, Daniel | Rock | 9 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Jasper, Shawn | Hills | 27 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Jeudy, Jean | Hills | 10 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Johnsen, Gladys | Ches | 3 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Johnson, Jane | Ches | 6 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Jones, Kyle | Straf | 1 | O | O | O | S | O | O |
| Jones, Laura | Straf | 1 | O | O | O | S | O | O |
| Kaen, Naida | Straf | 7 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Kappler, Lawrence | Rock | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Katsakiores, Phyllis | Rock | 5 | O | O | O | S | O | O |
| Katsiantonis, Thomas | Hills | 15 | S | S | S | NV | S | S |
| Keane, Thomas | Merr | 13 | O | O | NV | O | O | O |
| Keans, Sandra | Straf | 1 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Kidder, David | Merr | 1 | O | O | S | NV | S | O |
| Kingsbury, Robert | Belk | 4 | O | O | O | NV | O | O |
| Knox, J. David | Carr | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Kolodziej, Walter | Rock | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Kotowski, Frank | Merr | 9 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Krasucki, Joseph | Hills | 26 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Kreis, Kenneth | Merr | 6 | O | O | O | O | NV | O |
| Kurk, Neal | Hills | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| LaCasse, Paul | Sull | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Ladd, Rick | Graf | 5 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Lambert, George | Hills | 27 | O | O | NV | O | O | NV |
| Larsen, Kirsten | Straf | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Lauer-Rago, Kathleen | Merr | 2 | NV | NV | O | O | O | O |
| Laware, Thomas | Sull | 5 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| LeBrun, Donald | Hills | 26 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Lefebvre, Benjamin | Sull | 1 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Leonard, Frederick | Straf | 1 | O | O | O | S | NV | NV |
| Lerandean, Alfred | Ches | 6 | NV | NV | S | S | S | NV |
| Levasseur, Nickolas | Hills | 11 | S | S | NV | S | S | S |
| Lindsey, Steven | Ches | 3 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Lindsley, Mark | Merr | 5 | O | O | O | NV | O | O |
| Lockwood, Priscilla | Merr | 6 | O | O | S | O | O | O |
| Long, Patrick | Hills | 10 | S | S | S | S | S | O |
| Lovejoy, Patricia | Rock | 13 | S | S | S | S | NV | O |

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sustaining the basic foundations of our state in favor of maintaining instead an antiquated tax system that now taps the property tax for 62% of all state and local revenue. And the more the budget shifts costs onto individuals, businesses and towns, the more property taxes go up, and the harder they get for everyone to pay, as the budget also takes more of family resources for tuition, day care, health care, health insurance and more. This budget reaffirms the broken system, and other bills—like CACR 6—would prevent any attempt to reform it.

Status: These bills passed the legislature and went into effect without the governor’s signature.

CACR 6 would amend the New Hampshire constitution to require a 3/5 supermajority vote in the legislature to create or raise taxes and fees, or to borrow money. This is essentially a tax cap. GSP opposes this bill because it is the wrong solution to the wrong problem—and it also obstructs the right solution to the real problem.

New Hampshire is trying to run a 21st century state on an 18th century revenue system. It doesn’t work. Our revenue structure cannot keep pace with inflation, never mind costs that rise at a higher rate, such as health care. And so our revenue system, quite predictably, cannot maintain a consistent level of services from year to year. **This bill would freeze our state’s ineffective revenue system in place, automatically reducing and dismantling public programs and infrastructures, or shifting their costs away from the state—simply in order to maintain tax havens for millionaires and billionaires.** Directly or indirectly, we all end up paying—more out of pocket for tuition and health insurance and car repairs (potholes, icy roads), and more in

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| Lovett, Charlene | Sull | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Lundgren, David | Rock | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Luther, Robert | Belk | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| MacKay, James | Merr | 11 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| MacMahon, Bruce | Rock | 10 | NV | NV | NV | NV | NV | O |
| Major, Norman | Rock | 8 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Malone, Robert | Belk | 5 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Maltz, Jonathan | Hills | 27 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Manuse, Andrew | Rock | 5 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Marcus, Bruce | Hills | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Mauro, Donna | Rock | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| McCarthy, Frank | Carr | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| McCarthy, Michael | Hills | 21 | O | S | O | O | O | O |
| McClarren, Donald | Hills | 21 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| McConkey, Mark | Carr | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| McDonnell, John | Merr | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| McGuinness, Sean | Hills | 20 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| McGuire, Carol | Merr | 8 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| McGuire, Dan | Merr | 8 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| McKinney, Betsy | Rock | 3 | O | O | O | S | O | O |
| McMahon, Charles | Rock | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Meader, David | Ches | 3 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Mecheski, Holly | Hills | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Merrick, Evalyn | Coos | 2 | S | S | NV | S | NV | S |
| Merrow, Harry | Carr | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Messier, Irene | Hills | 17 | S | S | S | S | O | O |
| Millham, Alida | Belk | 5 | S | S | S | O | O | NV |
| Mirski, Paul | Graf | 10 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Moody, Marcia | Rock | 12 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Moore, Charles | Ches | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Moore, Robert | Ches | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Moran, Edward | Hills | 18 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Munck, Philip | Straf | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Murphy, Brian | Rock | 18 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Murphy, Keith | Hills | 18 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Nevins, Chris | Rock | 15 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Newton, Clifford | Straf | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Nordgren, Sharon | Graf | 9 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Norelli, Terie | Rock | 16 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Notter, Jeanine | Hills | 19 | O | O | O | O | O | O |

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property taxes. This is by design. When taxes not based on ability to pay keep going up and people can't afford them, it's hard to follow the tracks back to cuts to colleges and higher tuition, or hospitals and higher health insurance premiums—let alone to see all the taxes that millionaires and billionaires *aren't* paying, but it's easy to see your tax bill. This is the plan to dismantle the public sector: shift state responsibilities onto towns and individuals, make unaffordable taxes the culprit, and then hold out the simplistic, seductive solution of tax caps—at both the state and local level (see SB 2 below).

Economic experts agree that this is **bad fiscal policy**. Moody's cited a measure just like this when it recently downgraded Arizona's credit rating. This policy has been driving California down for decades. This bill would impede even a revenue-neutral tax reform package if it required raising or creating any tax, even if it lowered or eliminated other taxes.

This bill is also **undemocratic**. It erodes the foundations of representative democracy, by restricting elected officials' ability to do what they were elected to do: study the situation and make the best choices. It imposes the whim of a political moment upon our state for all time, depriving people's representatives of the ability—and the responsibility—to respond to circumstances with ingenuity and flexibility. Supermajority requirements really just ensure minority rule: if it takes 60% to pass something, then it takes only 40% plus one person to derail it. On some of the most complicated and consequential issues facing our state—fiscal policy—this bill would require the people we elect to operate on autopilot.

This is also by design; an ideological commitment to eroding the proper role of government also depends upon undermining people's trust in the

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|--------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| O'Brien, William | Hills | 4 | P | P | P | O | P | P |
| O'Connor, John | Rock | 5 | O | O | S | S | O | O |
| O'Connor, William | Straf | 3 | O | O | O | NV | O | O |
| Ober, Lynne | Hills | 27 | O | O | O | NV | O | NV |
| Ober, Russell | Hills | 27 | O | O | O | NV | O | O |
| Ohm, Bill | Hills | 26 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Okerman, Richard | Rock | 4 | O | S | O | O | O | O |
| Oligny, Jeffrey | Rock | 8 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Osgood, Joe | Sull | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Owen, Derek | Merr | 4 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Packard, Sherman | Rock | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Palfrey, David | Merr | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Palmer, Barry | Hills | 26 | O | O | O | NV | O | O |
| Palmer, Stephen | Hills | 6 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Panek, William | Straf | 3 | NV | NV | NV | O | O | NV |
| Pantelakos, Laura | Rock | 16 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Parison, James | Hills | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Parkhurst, Henry | Ches | 4 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Parsons, Robbie | Straf | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Pastor, Beatriz | Graf | 9 | S | NV | S | S | S | S |
| Patten, Betsey | Carr | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Patten, Dick | Merr | 11 | S | S | S | O | S | S |
| Peckham, Michele | Rock | 13 | O | O | NV | O | O | O |
| Pellegrino, Tony | Hills | 19 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Pelletier, Marsha | Straf | 5 | S | S | NV | S | S | S |
| Pepino, Leo | Hills | 11 | O | O | O | NV | O | NV |
| Perkins, Amy | Rock | 14 | S | S | S | O | S | NV |
| Perkins, Lawrence | Rock | 14 | S | S | S | O | S | NV |
| Peterson, Lenette | Hills | 19 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Pettengill, Laurie | Carr | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Pierce, David | Graf | 9 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Pilliod, James | Belk | 5 | O | O | O | S | O | O |
| Pilotte, Maurice | Hills | 16 | S | S | S | S | S | NV |
| Pitre, Joseph | Straf | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Porter, Marjorie | Hills | 1 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Potter, Frances | Merr | 10 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Powers, James | Rock | 16 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Pratt, Calvin | Hills | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Proulx, Mark | Hills | 15 | O | S | O | O | S | O |
| Quandt, Marshall | Rock | 13 | S | S | O | O | O | O |

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people they elect to represent them. The constitution is where we enshrine fundamental rights. It is no place for an ideological debate. Nor is it the place to hash out budget disputes.

New Hampshire needs a modern revenue system that responds to the economy, maintains its foundations and keeps taxes affordable for all.

Status: This bill passed the House and the Senate re-referred it to the Internal Affairs Committee, where it awaits further recommendation before the end of 2011. The full Senate would have until their fourth session in 2012 to vote on it; 15 votes or more would pass the bill, and 10 votes or more would kill it. If the bill passed the Senate, it would appear on the November 2012 ballot, where it would need 2/3 of the people's vote to pass. If it passed, it would become an amendment to the New Hampshire constitution, and the state would begin operating under this cap in the new legislative session in January 2013.

CACR 12 (House version) and **CACR 14** (Senate version) vary in wording, but amount to the same thing. GSP opposes them. Under the guise of targeting education funding to the neediest school districts, **these proposed amendments to the New Hampshire constitution would actually make public education optional**—by giving the legislature the full authority and discretion to make education funding decisions, and depriving the courts of their role. Nothing prevents targeting additional aid to needy districts now, once the adequacy threshold is reached, so part of the impetus for these measures is the ideological commitment to narrowing the role of the public sector, including public education. Public education and separation

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|---------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| Quandt, Matt | Rock | 13 | S | S | O | O | NV | O |
| Ramsey, Peter | Hills | 8 | S | S | S | NV | S | NV |
| Rappaport, Laurence | Coos | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Read, Robin | Rock | 16 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Reagan, John | Rock | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Reed, Dennis | Merr | 2 | O | O | O | O | NV | O |
| Reed, Michael | Hills | 26 | NV | NV | NV | O | NV | O |
| Reichard, Kevin | Rock | 5 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Reilly, Harold | Graf | 8 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Remick, William | Coos | 2 | S | S | S | O | S | O |
| Renzullo, Andrew | Hills | 27 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Rhodes, Brian | Hills | 22 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Rice, Chip | Merr | 12 | S | S | S | S | S | NV |
| Rice, Frederick | Rock | 15 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Richardson, Gary | Merr | 4 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Richardson, Herbert | Coos | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Richardson, Jon | Merr | 8 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Ritter, Glenn | Rock | 14 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Robbins, David | Hills | 26 | O | O | S | O | O | O |
| Roberts, Jenna | Straf | 7 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Roberts, Kris | Ches | 3 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Rodeschin, Beverly | Sull | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Rokas, Ted | Hills | 12 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Rosenwald, Cindy | Hills | 22 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Rowe, Robert | Hills | 6 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Russell, David | Belk | 6 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Sad, Tara | Ches | 2 | NV | NV | S | S | S | S |
| Sanborn, Laurie | Merr | 5 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Sanders, Elisabeth | Rock | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Sapareto, Frank | Rock | 5 | NV | NV | S | S | O | O |
| Sapienza, Marie | Rock | 8 | NV | NV | NV | NV | NV | NV |
| Scala, Dino | Carr | 5 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Schlachman, Donna | Rock | 13 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Schmidt, Andrew | Sull | 1 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Schmidt, Peter | Straf | 4 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Schmidt, Stephen | Carr | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Schrodter, Adam | Rock | 12 | NV | NV | O | NV | O | O |
| Scotsas, Lisa | Hills | 22 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Seaworth, G. Brian | Merr | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Sedensky, John | Rock | 8 | O | O | O | O | O | O |

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of powers (between executive, judicial and legislative branches of government) are foundations of our democracy, and these measures threaten them both.

GSP recognizes that strong public schools are the bedrock of our economy, and believes in the right of every child to a strong public education. GSP believes that the best way to address the challenge of education funding is through comprehensive revenue reform that raises enough money to support our schools while keeping taxes affordable for all. Our constitution is not the place to wage budget disputes.

Status: CACR 12 passed the House and has been re-referred to the Senate Internal Affairs Committee, where it awaits recommendation before the end of 2011. The full Senate would have until their fourth session in 2012 to vote on it; 15 votes or more would pass the bill, and 10 votes or more would kill it. CACR 14 passed the Senate and has been laid on the table in the House, without a recommendation from the House Special Committee on Education Funding. It would need 3/5 of the vote to pass the House. House and Senate leaders are expected to ensure that one version of this bill will advance. **If one of these bills passes both chambers, it would appear on the November 2012 ballot**, where it would need 2/3 of the vote to pass. If it passed, it would become an amendment to the New Hampshire constitution, and would go into effect in January 2013.

SB 2 enables cities and towns to enact caps on spending, and attempts to legalize caps previously enacted but deemed unlawful by the NH Supreme Court last year. Rapid increases in local spending

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|---------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| Seidel, Carl | Hills | 20 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Serlin, Christopher | Rock | 16 | S | S | S | NV | S | NV |
| Shackett, Jeffrey | Graf | 8 | O | S | NV | NV | O | O |
| Shaw, Barbara | Hills | 16 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Sheffert, Kenneth | Rock | 15 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Shuler, Wyman | Rock | 11 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Shurtleff, Stephen | Merr | 10 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Silva, Peter | Hills | 26 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Simard, Paul | Graf | 8 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Simmons, Tammy | Hills | 17 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Simpson, Tyler | Belk | 1 | O | O | NV | O | O | O |
| Smith, Edwin | Ches | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Smith, Molly | Merr | 9 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Smith, Steven | Sull | 5 | O | O | O | S | O | O |
| Smith, Suzanne | Graf | 7 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Smith, Todd | Merr | 9 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Smith, William | Rock | 18 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Soltani, Tony | Merr | 8 | NV | NV | O | O | O | NV |
| Sorg, Gregory | Graf | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Soucy, Connie | Hills | 17 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Souza, Kathleen | Hills | 11 | O | O | NV | O | O | O |
| Sova, Charles | Graf | 10 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Spainhower, Dale | Straf | 2 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Spang, Judith | Straf | 7 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Sprague, Dale | Straf | 2 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| St. Cyr, Jeffrey | Belk | 5 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Stepanek, Stephen | Hills | 6 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Sterling, Franklin | Ches | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Stroud, Kathleen | Hills | 19 | O | O | O | O | NV | O |
| Sull, Daniel | Hills | 8 | S | S | S | NV | S | S |
| Sull, James | Rock | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Sull, Kevin | Rock | 15 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Summers, James | Hills | 26 | O | S | O | NV | O | NV |
| Swank, Matthew | Hills | 17 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Swinford, Elaine | Belk | 5 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Sytek, John | Rock | 4 | O | S | O | O | O | O |
| Tamburello, Daniel | Rock | 3 | O | O | O | O | NV | O |
| Tasker, Kyle | Rock | 1 | O | NV | O | O | O | O |
| Tatro, Bruce | Ches | 6 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Taylor, Kathleen | Graf | 2 | S | S | S | S | S | NV |

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and taxes are substantially caused by the legislature's failure to modernize our revenue system. Predictable gaps arise when our outdated revenue system cannot keep up with rising costs. When the governor and legislators choose to bridge these gaps by shifting more and more of the state's responsibilities to cities and towns, they face the dilemma of cutting vital services or raising local taxes. The main source of New Hampshire's state and local revenue, the property tax, isn't based on ability to pay, and it hits those least able to pay the hardest. People understandably resent it when already unaffordable taxes keep rising along with all the other cost increases caused by other kinds of cost shifting, so tax caps can seem a simplistic, seductive solution.

GSP opposes tax caps as nothing more than gimmicks: bad fiscal policy that undermines the democratic process in the name of local control. New Hampshire's citizens already enjoy a high level of participation in the local budget process; the people already weigh every dollar and make decisions about their priorities. This bill would curtail that local involvement and control by putting citizens on autopilot, with a single flight plan for every circumstance. GSP opposed this bill as the wrong solution to the wrong problem.

Status: SB 2 passed the legislature, was signed by the governor and went into effect in July 2011. The bill makes retroactively legal any existing tax caps, such as Manchester's, deemed unlawful by the NH Supreme Court, and allows any city or town to enact a new cap.

Six of New Hampshire's 13 cities have already passed tax caps: Dover, Franklin, Laco-
nia, Manchester (the Supreme Court decision kept it from going into effect, but now steps are in motion to implement it), Nashua and

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|---------------------|--------|----------|------|------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| Terrio, Ross | Hills | 14 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Theberge, Robert | Coos | 4 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Tholl, John | Coos | 2 | O | C | O | O | O | O |
| Thomas, Joseph | Hills | 19 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Thomas, Yvonne | Coos | 4 | S | S | S | S | NV | S |
| Tilton, Franklin | Belk | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Tobin, William | Belk | 2 | O | O | O | NV | O | O |
| Townsend, Charles | Graf | 10 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Tregenza, Norman | Carr | 2 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Tremblay, Marc | Coos | 4 | O | S | O | O | O | O |
| Tremblay, Stella | Rock | 3 | O | S | O | O | O | O |
| Tucker, Pamela | Rock | 17 | O | O | O | O | O | NV |
| Twombly, Timothy | Hills | 25 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Ulery, Jordan | Hills | 27 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Umberger, Karen | Carr | 1 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Vaillancourt, Steve | Hills | 15 | O | S | O | S | O | O |
| Villeneuve, Moe | Hills | 18 | O | O | O | S | O | O |
| Vita, Carol | Straf | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Vita, Lucien | Straf | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Waddell, James | Rock | 15 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Wall, Janet | Straf | 7 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Wallner, Mary Jane | Merr | 12 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Ward, Joanne | Rock | 13 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Warden, Mark | Hills | 7 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Waterhouse, Kevin | Rock | 4 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Watrous, Rick | Merr | 12 | S | S | S | S | O | S |
| Watters, David | Straf | 4 | S | S | S | S | O | S |
| Webb, James | Rock | 5 | O | O | O | S | O | O |
| Weber, Lucy | Ches | 2 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Weed, Charles | Ches | 3 | S | S | S | NV | S | S |
| Weeden, Michael | Straf | 6 | O | O | NV | O | O | O |
| Welch, David | Rock | 8 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Weyler, Kenneth | Rock | 8 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Wheaton, Gary | Rock | 14 | NA | NA | O | O | S | O |
| White, Andrew | Graf | 11 | S | S | S | S | O | S |
| Whitehead, Randall | Hills | 26 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Willette, Robert | Hills | 6 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Williams, Robert | Merr | 11 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Winter, Steven | Merr | 3 | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Worsman, Colette | Belk | 3 | NV | NV | O | O | O | O |

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| Senator | District | HB 1 | HB 2 | CACR 14 | SB 2 |
|-------------------|----------|------|------|---------|------|
| Barnes, Jr., John | 17 | O | O | O | O |
| Boutin, David | 16 | O | O | O | O |
| Bradley, Jeb | 3 | O | O | O | O |
| Bragdon, Peter | 11 | O | O | O | O |
| Carson, Sharon | 14 | O | O | S | O |
| D'Allesandro, Lou | 20 | S | S | S | S |
| De Blois, Tom | 18 | O | O | O | O |
| Forrester, Jeanie | 2 | O | O | O | O |
| Forsythe, James | 4 | O | O | S | O |
| Gallus, John | 1 | O | O | O | O |
| Groen, Fenton | 6 | O | O | O | O |
| Houde, Matthew | 5 | S | S | S | S |
| Kelly, Molly | 10 | S | S | S | S |
| Lambert, Gary | 13 | O | O | O | O |
| Larsen, Sylvia | 15 | S | S | S | S |
| Luther, Jim | 12 | O | O | O | O |
| Merrill, Amanda | 21 | S | S | S | S |
| Morse, Chuck | 22 | O | O | O | O |
| Odell, Bob | 8 | O | O | O | O |
| Prescott, Russell | 23 | O | O | O | O |
| Rausch, Jim | 19 | O | O | S | O |
| Sanborn, Andy | 7 | O | O | O | O |
| Stiles, Nancy | 24 | O | O | O | O |
| White, Raymond | 9 | O | O | O | O |

Rochester. Derry has a tax cap in place for its town budget only.

Cities without caps could vote to enact them in November 2011, by the relevant terms and conditions in their individual charters. SB 2 and traditional towns could enact or rescind caps with a 3/5 vote in Spring 2012.

HB 238 provided an exemption of \$100,000 for a primary residence or business in the assessment of the statewide education property tax. This bill acknowledges several facts: Property taxes are not based on ability to pay. New Hampshire relies on the property tax for more of state and local revenue than any other state—over 60%. People living in poverty pay four times the effective tax rate of millionaires (and people in the middle class pay more than twice the rate of millionaires). The tax code should not make basic shelter (for an owner or a renter) or a place of business unaffordable. But our outdated revenue system does just that; absent other sources of revenue to maintain basic functions of our state, more and more falls on property taxes, driving people on fixed incomes out of their homes, preventing young families from buying homes. The property tax also accounts for 59% of the taxes NH businesses pay. Because this bill accurately assessed a need for reform and offered a step, however modest, in the right direction, GSP supported it.

Status: HB 238 was defeated in the House, 255-91.

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