

REBECCA PERKINS KWOKA STATE SENATE

Hi everyone,

After several tough weeks of budget negotiations, Senate Republicans passed a budget that included anti-American restrictions on what can be taught (HB 544), education freedom accounts (school vouchers, SB 130), and the most extreme restriction on abortion our state has ever had (HB 625, a ban after 24 weeks). Our caucus brought 18 amendments to remove this bad policy and align our budget to the forward-looking, modern and thriving state it can be. 17 were voted down on party lines. Only my Main Street small business bill passed, which would bring relief to newly-opened small businesses. A silver lining in an otherwise troubling session.

HB 2 - LIST OF FLOOR AMENDMENTS FOR JUNE 3RD

Floor Amendment Number	Senator's Name
1. 1816a Y 24-0 roll call	Senator Bradley
2. 1862a Y 14-10 N roll call	Senator Whitley
3. 1855a Y 14-10 N roll call	Senator Kahn
4. 1850a Y 14-10 N roll call	Senator D'Allesandro
5. 1863a Y 14-10 N roll call	Senator Kahn
6. 1861a Y 14-10 N roll call	Senator D'Allesandro

7. 1858s	Y	14-9 N roll call	Senator Rosenwald	
8. 1859s	Y	24-0 Y voice vote II	Senator Perkins Kwoka	support main Sr businesses
9. 1847s	Y	14-9 N roll call	Senator Rosenwald	
10. 1842s	N	14-9 Y roll call	Senator Birdsell	
11. 1874	Y	14-9 N roll call	Senator Soucy	
12. 1876s	Y	14-9 N roll call	Senator Kahn	abortion-related
13. 1883s	Y	14-9 N roll call	Senator Whitley	
14. 1878s	Y	14-9 N roll call	Senator Sherman	
15. 1875s	Y	14-9 N roll call	Senator Rosenwald	
16. 1852s	Y	14-9 N roll call	Senator Kahn	remove education freedom accounts
17. 1867s	Y	14-9 N roll call	Senator Whitley	
18. 1815s	Y	14-9 N roll call	Senator Soucy	Remove HB 544
19. 1882s	Y	14-9 N roll call	Senator Rosenwald	
report 20. 1874s			Senator Soucy	
? 21. 1821s	Y	23-0 VV	Senator Daniels	admin
? 22. 1827s	Y	23-0 VV	Senator Carson	fix in NHBS
23. 1838s	N	15-8 N roll call	Senator Giuda	
24. 1866s	Y	23-0 VV	Senator Hennessey	funding
25. 1884s	Y	23-0 VV	Senator Bradley	DOE fix

89-102: N 13-9 Y roll call
HB 2: Balance: N 14-9 Y roll call

Now, the special committee called the "Committee of Conference" will meet to reconcile the different budgets passed in the House and Senate. Only a subset of each Chamber participates and if no compromise is met, the budgets fail. Governing Sununu has already signaled that he would sign a budget that included the extreme restrictions on reproductive rights. However there is still time to make it clear that Granite Staters don't support these extreme policies. Contact your Governor and urge your friends and neighbors to do the same!

Other Committees of Conference are also meeting this

week - including Committees which will review 3 of my bills! My hope is that these pieces of legislation will be retained through the concurrence process, and then voted on by the Senate next week. This includes my digital meetings bill, which would allow municipalities across the state to continue to hold digital meetings as an additional tool in their toolbox. Right now, given that the state of emergency has ended, this bill is incredibly important as it affects municipalities' every day functions, and is a practice I hope we can all acknowledge has increased participation, made government more accessible, and opened up a wider age range to join in our public proceedings. An update will follow in the next newsletter!

Events Update

HB 544 Day of Action Rally: It was great to join folks across NH this weekend opposing the inclusion of HB 544 in our budget. Turnout was awesome and Logan is getting better at rallies! Thank you to our educators who took a pledge to teach the truth.



NewDEAL Podcast Appearance: Last Friday, I joined NewDEAL's podcast, An Honorable Profession, to chat about balancing being a General Counsel, mom, and

Senator, and how important it has been this year to support our small businesses. To hear our full conversation, check it out on iTunes, Spotify, or anywhere else you get your podcasts!

New Politics Pride Month Event: I have been invited to join New Politics last week to celebrate the contributions LGBTQ+ folks have made serving our nation. Service has always been an integral part of my life and I always encourage people thinking of running for office to do so. Your perspective matters and will only benefit the communities you come from. Check out my remarks [here!](#)

Looking Ahead

As we continue to celebrate Pride Month, exciting celebrations are taking place across our state and country. I'm especially looking forward to the return of Portsmouth Pride. This year, the day's events will take place in Prescott Park and include a variety of attractions—from typical Pride merchandise to Drag Queen Story Hour for kids. The celebration will kick off on Saturday, June 26th. Can't wait to see you there!

Our family got to get outside and do some yardwork this weekend - hope you enjoyed the weather and are looking forward to summer just around the corner.





From our family to yours,
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