

Bill as Introduced

SB 173 - AS INTRODUCED

2011 SESSION

11-1012

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SENATE BILL **173**

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SPONSORS: Sen. Kelly, Dist 10; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Larsen, Dist 15

COMMITTEE: Public and Municipal Affairs

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5 New Hampshire citizen of national significance for her stalwart leadership and passionate dedication
6 in fighting for campaign finance reform and her walk across America at the age of 90. The governor
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5 America at the age of 90.

6 86:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

7 Approved: May 16, 2011

8 Effective Date: July 15, 2011

Amendments

Sen. Kelly, Dist. 10
February 14, 2011
2011-0326s
04/01

Amendment to SB 173

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Public and Municipal Affairs
February 15, 2011
2011-0357s
04/01

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Committee Minutes

**SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

ATTENDANCE

- ✓ Senator John Barnes, Jr. Chairman
- ✓ Senator Jeanie Forrester V Chairman
- ✓ Senator David Boutin
- ✓ Senator Amanda Merrill
- ✓ Senator Nancy Stiles

START: 9:00 AM
STOP: 9:36 AM

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Date: February 9, 2011

HEARINGS

Tuesday

2/15/2011

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

LOB 101

9:00 AM

(Name of Committee)

(Place)

(Time)

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

9:00 AM SB173
9:15 AM SB174

proclaiming January 24 of each year as Granny D. Day.
relative to the Concord regional solid waste/resource recovery cooperative.

Sponsors:

SB173

Sen. Molly Kelly

Sen. Sharon Carson

Sen. Lou D'Allesandro

Sen. Sylvia Larsen

SB174

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Sen. Matthew Houde

Sen. Molly Kelly

Sen. David Boutin

Public and Municipal Affairs Committee

Hearing Report

TO: Members of the Senate

FROM: Deb Martone, Legislative Aide

RE: Hearing report on SB 173 – proclaiming January 24 of each year as Granny D. Day.

HEARING DATE: February 15, 2011

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT: Senators Barnes, Forrester, Merrill, Boutin and Stiles.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ABSENT: No one.

Sponsor(s): Senators Kelly, Carson, D'Allesandro and Larsen.

What the bill does: requires the governor to annually issue a proclamation calling for the proper observance of January 24 as Granny D. Day.

Who supports the bill: Senators Kelly, Carson, D'Allesandro and Larsen; Representative Timothy Horrigan; Bob Perry; Carol Wyndham; John Wyndham; Regina Bringolf; Ruth Meyer; Martha Fuller Clark; Lynn Chong; John Rauh; Olivia Zink;

Who opposes the bill: No one.

Summary of testimony received:

- Senator Kelly introduced the bill, explaining that it requests the Governor of New Hampshire annually issue a proclamation observing January 24 as Granny D. Day. "It is only appropriate that we observe January 24 as Granny D. Day, in order to remember, and to remind ourselves about this very special woman who felt so passionate about democracy that she walked across our United States at the age of 90, to draw attention and to speak about how important it is that every citizen have the opportunity to run for political election, whether they are rich, or whether they are poor."

- Doris “Granny D” Haddock has been honored and recognized in our United States government, working with U.S. Senators in a bipartisan manner for fair elections and equal representation.
- Senator Kelly presented Amendment #2011-0326s, which would delete language in the original bill making it necessary for the Governor to request particular action by New Hampshire communities to observe the day.
- “We need to continue to honor this great woman annually. She does distinguish herself from others in that not only was she a leader in New Hampshire, but she was also nationally.” (Senator Kelly)
- Senator Forrester asked for examples of others in New Hampshire with a special day. Senator Kelly stated that RSA:4 provides a list.
- Senator Stiles asked about the removal of the language from the original bill, and Senator Kelly’s expectation of same. Senator Kelly indicated that on January 24 the Governor would read a proclamation here in the state and others could join in. Celebrations and observances would occur individually across the state. She does not want to imply that there is a mandate from the Governor for communities to have such an observance.
- Former Senator Martha Fuller Clarke urged support of the amended bill. She believes Granny D. is a symbol not only in New Hampshire, but in America. She acted upon her convictions and showed incredible commitment and courage to stand up for what she believed was a significant aspect of our democracy that needed to be reformed. Granny D. serves as a role model in terms of taking our convictions to the public, to the press and to legislative leaders in New Hampshire and across the country.
- At the age of 89 she began a 3,200 mile walk across the country to demonstrate her concern for the issue of campaign finance reform, and for free and fair elections. After the walk it took more than two years to gain passage of the McCain-Feingold bill, but Granny D. certainly gave it national prominence.
- Carol Wyndham, an assistant to Granny D., related one of Doris’ favorite sayings. “Democracy is not something you have. It’s something you do.” Granny D. worked tirelessly to realize a government “of the people, for the people and by the people,” and to bring the highest integrity into every political arena. She inspired literally millions of Americans with her vision to clean up the financing of political campaigns. With this recognition, Granny D. will continue to inspire citizens of New Hampshire, and all Americans, to stay above money-influenced politics and proudly adhere to the principles of honesty, fairness and the true representative government upon which this country is based.

- John Wyndham was a long time friend, driver and supporter of Granny D. He believes Doris Haddock exemplifies the role of citizen in a democracy.
- Bob Perry explained how Doris embarked on her journey across the country for her grandchildren and all of the children in this country who might some day want to run for office. Granny D's vision twelve years ago, and her unselfish commitment to clean elections is recognized nationwide.
- Ruth Meyer related that Granny D's causes were always humanitarian, never partisan. She was and must remain an iconic symbol not only of democracy, but of family, community and neighborhood. Twice last year, in less than six weeks, tributes to Granny D. were entered into the Congressional Record; first, on her 100th birthday; secondly, upon her death. Neither was only about her age. They were about her service to this nation, to all peoples and to the planet we all share.
- Gordon Aller brought in a portrait of Granny D. to display for the hearing.
- Lynn Chong shared that Granny D. lived so long that she remembered a time when our federal representatives' efforts were made towards their constituents' needs, people back home being their constituents. Our campaign financing is broken and Granny D. led the way to fix it.
- John Rauh believes Doris Haddock was a symbol for an important matter facing this nation. Mr. Rauh and his wife, Mary, had the pleasure of walking with Doris in both Arkansas and Tennessee and related the experience of one of their walking days. Granny D. was a courageous woman, a great American and this is a wonderful way for New Hampshire to honor her.

Action: Senator Forrester made a motion of Ought to Pass on Amendment #2011-0326s. Senator Merrill seconded it. The vote was 4-1 in favor. Senator Merrill than made a motion on SB 173 of Ought to Pass as Amended. Senator Stiles seconded it. The vote was 3-2 in favor. Senator Merrill will report the bill out of committee.

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[file: SB 173 report]

Date: February 17, 2011

Speakers

Testimony

Carol Wyndham
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February 14, 2011

RE: SB173, The Granny D Day Bill

I urge the Public and Municipal Affairs Committee to adopt an OTP recommendation for SB173.

Doris Granny D Haddock loved her home state of New Hampshire more than anyone I know. She also loved the high ideals on which our country was founded. She worked tirelessly to realize a government "of the people, for the people and by the people" and to bring the highest integrity into every political arena.

She walked her talk—3200 miles she walked and talked and inspired literally millions of Americans with her vision to clean up the financing of political campaigns. It is now time to honor her as the powerful New Hampshire figure that she was and still is in our memories. With this recognition, Granny D will continue to inspire citizens of New Hampshire, and all Americans, to stay above money-influenced politics and proudly adhere to the principles of honesty, fairness and the true representative government upon which this country is based.

My background:

I am an undeclared (Independent)

I spent time almost every day for six years as a volunteer assistant with Granny D.

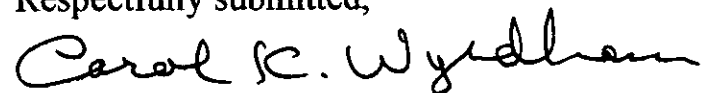
I am a founding member and Secretary of PACE – Public Action for Clean Elections

I am a founding member and Secretary of COD – Coalition for Open Democracy

I am a 25 year resident of Peterborough, New Hampshire

I am a retired teacher

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Wyndham

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February 15, 2011

RE: SB173, The Granny D Bill

I urge that the Public and Municipal Affairs Committee adopt an Ought To Pass recommendation for SB173.

Doris Haddock was one of those individuals who truly understood what Abraham Lincoln meant when he spoke of "government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Sitting in her living room, or at her kitchen table in the New Hampshire woods, she discerned from the depths of her own moral sense, the difference between right and wrong in our society, from the lowest decisions we all must make, to actions taken at the highest levels of our government.

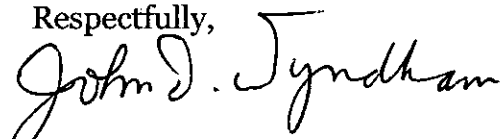
Doris knew that government by the people could manifest itself in many different ways, from supporting a candidate for office, by running for office, by writing a simple letter to the editor, or by undertaking a solitary journey on foot of 3200 miles holding a placard.

Doris Haddock exemplifies the role of citizen in a democracy. She re-taught for us a lesson that repeats itself from time to time in all lands, until the lesson is truly learned. When each citizen stands up, ultimate power belongs to the people.

By way of background, I am:

- A friend and supporter of, and a driver on many occasions for Doris Haddock
- An independent or undeclared voter
- A PhD physicist
- A citizen activist seeking scientific integrity in our government

Respectfully,



John D. Wyndham

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I speak today in support of H.B. 173.

I will relate to you the importance of the Doris Haddock/Granny D. bill, in large part, through the use of her own words:

"I was 89 years old. I had retired. I was living in this little town of fourteen hundred. I live on Social Security and a small pension, and it came to my attention this little tiny article on the op-ed page. In it, it said that, in the middle of the night, two senators had added an amendment to this bill requiring a \$50 Billion tax break to be given to tobacco. And I said that's crazy. That's corruption. Now, we have always had money in politics, but never like this. That's what started it. Yeah."

"If you look at your life, you will see that your life is made in acts, and this is my last act. I'd like to make some use of the last of my life."

"I really have an old body to work with, and I'm pretty trussed up like a Christmas turkey."

"And I said I was going to walk across the country hoping to create a wave of interest in campaign finance reform, and my son said 'That's crazy.' I said if I could have anything to do with the problem that we are facing in this country, I wanted to do it. The question was I was 89 years old, and was I going to be able to do it. And when I found that I could walk ten miles a day, six days a week, I said why not? I'm doing this for my grandchildren and all of the children in this country who might some day want to run for office. I want to give them back our democracy."

Despite the odds and her honest assessment of her physical limitations, her age, her arthritis, inflammation and touch of emphysema, Granny D. left Pasadena, California, on January 1, 1999, with the goal of reaching Washington, D.C. in time for a campaign finance reform rally there. Her walk was not without incident. "You know, as you get older, you hurt here, and you hurt there, but after a good, hot shower, it's amazing how many aches and pains will go."

Her plans were set back some when she collapsed on the desert floor from breathing sand dust for weeks. Ten days later, however, she was back on the road. She continued walking through Arizona and New Mexico, finding herself in Texas in the heat of summer. "I have a bad time with memory, and a very hard time with hearing loss. A lot of physical things, but not enough to say that's it ... yet." Her walk took her through Arkansas,

Kentucky, and Ohio. When she arrived in West Virginia, 12 inches of snow temporarily prevented her from continuing. Undeterred, and determined to reach Washington in time, she sent for her cross country skis and used them to travel 100 miles along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

After 14 months, 3200 miles, and four pairs of shoes, Granny D. arrived in Washington to a cheering crowd of supporters.

Reform, however, would be elusive and would take too long for Doris to stay in Washington, so she returned home to New Hampshire. It would be a year before congress would take up campaign finance reform, and Doris would be there for the beginning of the debate. Upon arrival, she was not content to sit; instead, she walked around the capital building, round and round she went, sometimes for 24 hours at a stretch, with only time for a quick rest and food.

At last, on April 2, 2001, the senate passed the McCain/Feingold campaign finance reform bill. Nearly a year later, on February 14, 2002, McCain/Feingold also passed the house.

We know that bill was imperfect; we know recent events have set back campaign finance reform; but our meeting here today is not about the evolution of campaign finance reform to the current day; this day is about a centenarian whose vision twelve years ago and unselfish commitment to clean elections is recognized nationwide, and for which I ask that she be formally remembered in New Hampshire each January 24.

I leave you with two quotes, spoken on different occasions, but by the same admirer of Granny D.:

"My interest in her was sparked by her walk across America. I mean, it's one of the more remarkable feats in American Political History."

"Doris Haddock represents all that is good in America, and we thank her for her commitment to open and honest government that the people can be proud of."

Senator John McCain.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Perry,
Strafford, New Hampshire

REMARKABLE

My name is Ruth Meyer. I live in Keene. I speak in support of SB 173.

While I am an active member of several non-profit non-partisan organizations, I address you as an individual. And, I'll start with an analogy:

I've lived in the Monadnock Region for almost a half century and see the mountain's beauty but I have taken it for granted and never climbed to the top to really experience all that it is --- recognized the world over as the second most climbed peak in the world.

I first heard of Granny D when she walked through the southern Ohio town where my husband had been working, and I simply thought it was a crazy stunt of a little old lady. When I returned to New Hampshire and actually met Doris I realized she was not just a little old lady on a peculiar mission but a citizen-extraordinaire, someone the nation and world had already begun to recognize. Her causes were always humanitarian, never partisan.

Only now, since her passing, when I've had the privilege to read some journals from her younger years and a few of the hundreds of speeches she later gave, that I fully realize that she was and must remain an iconic symbol not only of Democracy, but of family, neighborhood, and community. She loved people, even when she disagreed with them on a particular issue.

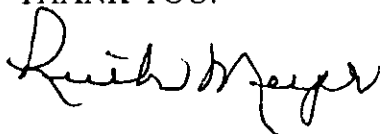
In recent years people around the world became her extended family; Presidents, Senators, Congresspersons, Governors, actors, writers, and hundreds of thousands of ordinary folk across the land and around the world recognize her.

Twice last year, in less than two months, tributes to her were entered into the Congressional Record, first on her 100th birthday, secondly upon her death. Neither was only about her age, they were about her service to this nation, to all peoples, and to the planet we share. To quote an internationally acclaimed Nobel Peace Prize nominee "I think Granny D, through the ages, is going to be one of the most famous Americans of this century."

I have no doubt that each of you who serve in public office desire to make your own legacy one that strengthens the Democracy that too many have come to take for granted, so that this nation will continue to be deserving of the rest of the world's emulation. One important way to assure that all of your own descendants will live in such a land is to make certain they know about Granny D.

Like Grand Monadnock, she needs to be recognized here in her beloved New Hampshire, her own backyard.

THANK YOU.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Meyer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "THANK YOU."

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February 14, 2011

RE: SB173, The Granny D Bill

I urge the Public and Municipal Affairs Committee to adopt an OTP recommendation for SB173.

Doris Haddock showed great, admirable courage when, in her late 80s, she lead a national fight to reform our wayward campaign-financing system, which has come to be corporations with deep financial pockets involving themselves in our elections by vote buying. She lived so long that she remembered, for all of us, a time when our federal representatives' efforts were made towards their constituents' needs, people back home being their constituents. In her 3200-mile cross-country walk she heard over and over again from real people that they could not get the attention of their federal representatives. What has evolved is policy-making to suit corporations. Our representatives' need more and more the corporations' massive financial backing, in order to keep their seats. For that corporate backing they owe their allegiance – and time – to the same corporations. Granny D saw that for us and tackled it, her indomitable way. Our campaign financing is broken, and she led the way to fix it. Our Belknap County Democrats hold an annual "Doris 'Granny D' Haddock Evening," with Democrats and Republicans attending to hear her, to honor her. Doris Haddock was born in Laconia, Belknap County.

While this bill is a proclamation and does not solve the problem, it should be passed to recognize our genuine New Hampshire hero, Doris Haddock.

By way of background, I am:

- A Democrat
- Officer in Belknap County Democrats
- Former school board member, Winnisquam School District
- Board member of NH Peace Action Education Fund
- English teacher at various levels, middle school through university, 1971-present

Respectfully,

Lynn Rudmin Chong

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February 15, 2011

The Honorable Jack Barnes, Chairman
Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee
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Concord, NH 03301

TESTIMONY: SB 173

Dear Senator Barnes,

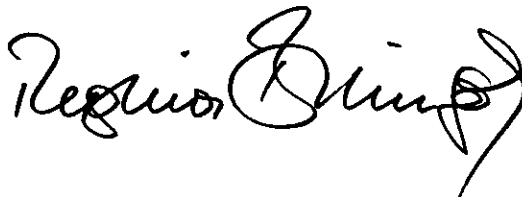
I respectfully request you and the members of your committee to vote in favor of Senate Bill 173, which declares January 24 as Granny D. Day in the State of New Hampshire. I got to know Doris Granny D. Haddock twelve years ago, shortly after I moved to New Hampshire, and became a friend and a volunteer for her causes, among other things as co-chair of the Coalition for Open Democracy.

Why should we honor Doris Granny D. Haddock, the centenarian from Dublin, NH, who died last year in March?

- Because she served as a model of what we should all be as citizens of our country and our state – knowledgeable and informed about our democracy and actively and passionately involved in it;
- Because she “walked her talk” in the most literal sense – taking upon herself the hardship of walking, at the age of 90, across the continent to reach all levels of our citizenry with her message about our precious democracy and the need for campaign finance reform;
- Because with her walk across the country she showed us all how to live and act courageously and responsibly: not to let big obstacles (like old age) stand in our way, but to prepare ourselves by thorough training (in her case, walking ten miles a day for several months before starting on her trek), and to reach out to all persons, those of like mind as well as those who do not share our views;
- Because of her infectious *joie de vivre* and the wit and humor with which she seasoned her serious message.

With her life and her work Doris Granny D. Haddock stands as a model for people of all ages and all opinions. Her memory must be preserved.

Sincerely yours,



Cummings, Kathryn

From: Sally/Dick [rsdavis@emlot.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 7:37 AM
To: Barnes, Jack
Subject: SB173
Attachments: SB173.doc

Senator Barnes-I live in Thornton NH and just drove off into a snow bank (in my own driveway) so doubt I can get to the Public and Municipal Affairs committee meeting in time to give this testimony. Please add it to the record.

Thank you very much-

Sally Davis
Co-President
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To The Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee:

Senators Barnes, Forrester, Boutin, Merrill and Stiles:

Re: SB 173

February 15, 2011

Thank you for the privilege of attending this Hearing and speaking today.

As Co-President of the League of Women Voters New Hampshire, I want to express the League's support for a Granny D Day as proposed by this bill.

We know, had she been born a generation earlier, she would have been at the front of many suffrage marches as our founders were. Her example of citizenship is one we hope every child in America learns about and follows. That should start right here in New Hampshire, her home.

As a former teacher, I can just imagine how using her example can compliment a government unit for children studying our system of governance to go along with visits to our state Capitol; and to town meetings and polls on election day. We see her as the true inheritor of the vision of our country's founders and admire her stamina, her will and her optimism.

Please vote to pass SB173 and declare January 24 each year to be Granny D Day.

Sally J Smathers

Co-President

League of Women Voters New Hampshire

February 15, 2011

The Honorable Jack Barnes, Chairman
Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 101
Concord, NH 03301

TESTIMONY: SB 173

Dear Senator Barnes,

I am writing in support of the Granny D Day Bill. I met Doris late in her life. Although I had heard of her, we didn't actually meet until 2007 when a mutual friend asked her to speak at a rally I was holding in Portsmouth. Doris came and because she came, many, many people came to hear her, and by default, me. Doris was an inspiration to all of us that day, just as she had been and was to be for the rest of her life. And that is why people need to remember Doris. People need to realize that they can make a difference. People of all ages were moved by Doris--by what she did as well as what she said. Her spirit, her efforts, her words were powerful messages of peace, respect, truth, honesty, compassion, dignity, activism and optimism. She was a New Hampshire treasure and an extraordinary force for good in our state, our nation and the world. I hope you will take this opportunity to honor her memory.

Thank you,

Barbara Hilton
Portsmouth, NH
Member of the New Hampshire Public Funding of Elections Commission

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February 14, 2011

RE: SB173, The Granny D Bill

I urge the Public and Municipal Affairs Committee to adopt an OTP recommendation for SB173.

Doris Haddock spent the final decade of her long life fighting to reform a campaign financing system that - certainly at the federal level - amounts to legal vote buying and has put deep-pocketed special interests in *de facto* control of most aspects of national policy.

While this bill is a proclamation and does not solve the problem, it should be passed because achieving a solution is proving to be as difficult as gaining voting rights for women, and small steps such as recognizing this genuine New Hampshire hero are steps forward.

By way of background, I am:

- A Republican
- Former district 5 state senator
- Former chair of the NH GOP Platform Committee
- Member of the New Hampshire Public Funding of Elections Commission (2008)
- Member of the Citizen-Funded Election Task Force (2009-2010)

Respectfully,
Jim Rubens



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TESTIMONY: SB 173

Dear Senator Barnes,

The State of NH has a wonderful opportunity here not only to honor an outstanding native daughter who forthrightly -- and with awesome determination -- was so committed to upholding our democratic system of government, but also to create an annual day on which everyone, from NH school children to state legislators, might remind ourselves of the value of civil discourse and civic engagement. What a wonderful touchstone this day would be for focusing on the best of our American democratic values, a day for affirming that, in Granny D's words, "Democracy is not something we have. It is something we do."

All my best,

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date: February 15, 2011

THE COMMITTEE ON Public and Municipal Affairs

to which was referred Senate Bill 173

AN ACT proclaiming January 24 of each year as Granny D.
Day.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill:

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 3-2

AMENDMENT # 0357s

Senator Amanda Merrill
For the Committee

Debra Martone 271-3092

New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

Docket of SB173

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: (New Title) proclaiming January 24, 2012 as Granny D. Day.*Official Docket of SB173:*

Date	Body	Description
1/19/2011	S	Introduced and Referred to Public and Municipal Affairs, SJ 3 , Pg.39
2/9/2011	S	Hearing: 2/15/11, Room 101, LOB, 9:00 a.m.; SC11
2/15/2011	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment # 2011-0357s , 2/23/11; SC12
2/23/2011	S	Committee Amendment 0357s, AA, VV; SJ 7 , Pg.76
2/23/2011	S	Sen. Barnes Floor Amendment # 2011-0370s , NT, AA, VV; SJ 7 , Pg.76
2/23/2011	S	Ought to Pass with Amendments 0357s, 0370s, NT, MA, VV; OT3rdg; SJ 7 , Pg.76
2/23/2011	S	Passed by Third Reading Resolution; SJ 7 , Pg.78
3/16/2011	H	Introduced and Referred to Executive Departments and Administration; HJ 28 , Pg.883
3/29/2011	H	Public Hearing: 4/5/2011 11:30 AM LOB 306
4/5/2011	H	Executive Session: 4/19/2011 1:15 PM LOB 306
4/21/2011	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass for April 27 (Vote 15-0; CC); HC 33 , PG.1067
4/27/2011	H	Removed from Consent Calendar (Rep DeLemus); HJ 40 , PG.1352
4/27/2011	H	Ought to Pass: MA RC 240-48 ; HJ 40 , PG.1384-1386
5/4/2011	H	Enrolled
5/4/2011	S	Enrolled; SJ 16 , Pg.318
5/19/2011	S	Signed by the Governor on 05/16/2011; Effective 07/15/2011; Chapter 0086

NH House

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Other Referrals

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SB 173 ORIGINAL REFERRAL

_____ RE-REFERRAL

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SIGN-UP SHEET(S)

ALL AMENDMENTS (passed or not) CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE:

- AMENDMENT # 2011-03265 _____ - AMENDMENT # _____

- AMENDMENT # 2011-03578 _____ - AMENDMENT # _____

ALL AVAILABLE VERSIONS OF THE BILL:

AS INTRODUCED _____ AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

FINAL VERSION _____ AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

_____ OTHER (Anything else deemed important but not listed above, such as amended fiscal notes):

DATE DELIVERED TO SENATE CLERK

07/29/11

BY:

Debra A. Mantore
COMMITTEE AIDE