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Introduced

HB 514 - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

13-0422

10/09

HOUSE BILL

**514**

AN ACT

permitting members of the general court to receive ski passes for Cannon Mountain ski area.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Coulombe, Coos 3; Rep. A. Schmidt, Sull 1; Rep. H. Richardson, Coos 4

COMMITTEE:

Legislative Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill exempts the receipt of ski passes for Cannon Mountain ski area by members of the general court from the definition of a gift.

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Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen*

AN ACT permitting members of the general court to receive ski passes for Cannon Mountain ski area.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

- 1       1 New Subparagraph; Gift; Exclusion for Members of the General Court; Ski Passes. Amend
- 2 RSA 15-B:2, V(b)(13) by inserting after subparagraph (14) the following new subparagraph:
- 3               (14) The receipt and use by members of the house of representatives and senate of
- 4 passes for skiing at Cannon Mountain ski area issued by the director of parks and recreation under
- 5 RSA 218:16.
- 6       2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

# Speakers



# Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB514

**BILL TITLE:** permitting members of the general court to receive ski passes for Cannon Mountain ski area.

**DATE:** February 7, 2013

**LOB ROOM:** 104      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 9:35 am

**Time Adjourned:** 9:46 am

(please circle if present)

**Committee Members:** Reps. G. Richardson, C. Rice, Winters, Pelletier, Shurtleff, Emerson-Brown, Henle, Briden, T. Katsiantonis, Fink, Bailey, Lambert, Hayes, A. Perkins, K. Perkins and Grace.

**Bill Sponsors:** Rep. Coulombe, Coos 3; Rep. A. Schmidt, Sull 1; Rep. Richarson, Coos 4

TESTIMONY


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**Rep. Coulombe** – Introduced the bill – This bill would allow members of the legislature to receive free ski passes at Cannon Mountain – This would allow representatives to see how the ski area operates – Maybe we could impose a limit on how often you could ski.

**Rep. Andy Schmidt** – Supports this bill - Cannon Mountain being a state ski area, it needs some advocates.

**Rep. Rice** – average lift tickets are about \$70 to \$75 a day.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Rep. Stephen Shurtleff  
Committee Clerk

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Rep. Andy Schmidt - Cannon Mtn being a state ski area, it needs some advocates. Supports bill.

Rep Rice - average lift tickets are about \$90-\$75 a day



# Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB514

**BILL TITLE:** permitting members of the general court to receive ski passes for Cannon Mountain ski area.

**DATE:** February 12, 2013

**LOB ROOM:** 104

**Amendments:**

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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**Motions:**  OTP,  OTP/A,  ITL,  Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Lambert

Seconded by Rep. Winters

Vote: 3-6 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Moved by Rep. Rice

Seconded by Rep. Pelletier

Vote: 3-6 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

**Motions:**  OTP,  OTP/A,  ITL,  Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Briden

Seconded by Rep. Pelletier

Vote: 5-4 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

**CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:** Yes  No (Please Circle one)

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Stephen J. Shurtleff, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB514

BILL TITLE: permitting members of the general court to receive ski passes for Cannon Mountain ski area.

DATE: 2-12-2003

LOB ROOM: 104

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Lambert

Seconded by Rep. Winters

Vote: 3-6 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Passed  
Motion I + C  
Rep. Borden (moved)  
Rep. Pelletier 2nd  
Passed  
5-4 passed

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Rice (Failed)

Seconded by Rep. Pel

Vote: 3-6 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: Yes No (Please Circle one)

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

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Report

2013 SESSION

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Bill #: HB 514 Title: Permitting Members of the General Court <sup>to Receive</sup> SK. Passes  
PH Date: 2 17 2013 Exec Session Date: 2 14 2013  
Motion: OTP Amendment #: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER

YEAS

NAYS

Richardson, Gary B, Chairman		6✓
Rice, Chip L, V Chairman		1✓
Pelletier, Marsha L		2✓
Shurtleff, Stephen J		3✓
Katsiantonis, Thomas	1✓	
Winters, Joel F	1✓	
Briden, Steven J		4✓
Emerson-Brown, Rebecca		
Henle, Paul J		
Fink, Charles R		
Perkins, Amy S		
Perkins, Lawrence B		
Lambert, George A	3✓	
Bailey, Brad		
Grace, Curtis W		5✓
Hayes, Jack		
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>



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2013 SESSION

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

*Members to the General Court*

Bill #: 514 Title: Permitting Ski to Receive Ski Passes

PH Date: 1/1 Exec Session Date: 2/14/2013

Motion: Retain Amendment #: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER

YEAS

NAYS

Richardson, Gary B, Chairman		6 ✓
Rice, Chip L, V Chairman	1 ✓	
Pelletier, Marsha L	2 ✓	
Shurtleff, Stephen J	3 ✓	
Katsiantonis, Thomas		4 ✓
Winters, Joel F		5 ✓
Briden, Steven J		6 ✓
Emerson-Brown, Rebecca		
Henle, Paul J		
Fink, Charles R		
Perkins, Amy S		
Perkins, Lawrence B		
Lambert, George A		4 ✓
Bailey, Brad		
Grace, Curtis W		5 ✓
Hayes, Jack		
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>



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2013 SESSION

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION *Permitting members to sit the General Court to receive S.R. Passes*  
Bill #: HB 514 Title: *relative to the definition of G.P.*

PH Date: 1/1/13

Exec Session Date: 2/12/2013

Motion: ITC

Amendment #: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER

YEAS

NAYS

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Richardson, Gary B, Chairman	5	
Rice, Chip L, V Chairman	1	
Pelletier, Marsha L	2	
Shurtleff, Stephen J	3	
Katsiantonis, Thomas		1
Winters, Joel F		2
Briden, Steven J	4	
Emerson-Brown, Rebecca		
Henle, Paul J		
Fink, Charles R		
Perkins, Amy S		
Perkins, Lawrence B		
Lambert, George A		3
Bailey, Brad		
Grace, Curtis W		4
Hayes, Jack		
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

# Committee Report

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**February 14, 2013**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Majority of the Committee on LEGISLATIVE  
ADMINISTRATION to which was referred HB514,**

**AN ACT permitting members of the general court to  
receive ski passes for Cannon Mountain ski area.**

**Having considered the same, report the same with the  
following Resolution: RESOLVED, That it is  
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Steven J Briden**

**FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**



**MAJORITY  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB514</b>
Title:	<b>permitting members of the general court to receive ski passes for Cannon Mountain ski area.</b>
Date:	<b>February 14, 2013</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>NO</b>
Recommendation:	<b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</b>

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The majority of the committee thought that the legislative perk granted by this bill was too large. A one day lift ticket at Cannon Mountain is \$70.00 for an adult, and this bill would allow for unlimited free access. If you were to use this a half dozen times, you would be receiving perks worth twice as much as our biennial salary. This is much more substantial than the other perks that we receive as legislators. This could also send a poor message to our constituents that we are more worried about personal privilege than we are about making laws to help the people of New Hampshire.

Vote 5-4

Rep. Steven J Briden  
FOR THE MAJORITY

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Cc: Committee Bill File

REGULAR CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

**HB514**, permitting members of the general court to receive ski passes for Cannon Mountain ski area. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Steven J Briden for the **Majority** of LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION. The majority of the committee thought that the legislative perk granted by this bill was too large. A one day lift ticket at Cannon Mountain is \$70.00 for an adult, and this bill would allow for unlimited free access. If you were to use this a half dozen times, you would be receiving perks worth twice as much as our biennial salary. This is much more substantial than the other perks that we receive as legislators. This could also send a poor message to our constituents that we are more worried about personal privilege than we are about making laws to help the people of New Hampshire. **Vote 5-4.**

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Committee: Legislative Administration

Bill Number: HB514

Title: Permitting Member of the General Court to receive ski passes for Cannon Mountain ski area.

Date: 2/12/13

Consent Calendar? No

Inexpedient to Legislate

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**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**February 14, 2013**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Minority of the Committee on LEGISLATIVE  
ADMINISTRATION to which was referred HB514,**

**AN ACT permitting members of the general court to  
receive ski passes for Cannon Mountain ski area.**

**Having considered the same, and being unable to agree  
with the Majority, report with the recommendation that  
the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. George A Lambert**

**FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

**MINORITY  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee: **LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

Bill Number: **HB514**

Title: **permitting members of the general court to receive ski passes for Cannon Mountain ski area.**

Date: **February 14, 2013**

Consent Calendar: **NO**

Recommendation: **OUGHT TO PASS**

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Members of the legislature have open access to state parks, which increase awareness and promotion of these locations. The question is do ski passes for legislatures constitute an ethical challenge. When legislators go to cannon mountain, there is virtually no incremental cost but it creates additional analog revenue for the cannon facility. This has been a long standing tradition of legislature that has encouraged members to experience this part of new Hampshire culture.

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FOR THE MINORITY

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