

Bill as
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HB 576 - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

13-0358

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HOUSE BILL

576

AN ACT

establishing Franklin Pierce Day.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Patten, Merr 17; Rep. Lauer, Graf 15

COMMITTEE:

Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes November 23rd as Franklin Pierce Day.

Explanation:

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

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

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 New Section; Franklin Pierce Day. Amend RSA 4 by inserting after section 13-r the following
2 new section:

3 4:13-s Franklin Pierce Day. The governor shall annually proclaim November 23rd as Franklin
4 Pierce Day in commemoration of his many accomplishments and service to New Hampshire and his
5 country. Schools are encouraged to commemorate the day with appropriate educational activities.

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

Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 576

BILL TITLE: establishing Franklin Pierce Day.

DATE: 2/14/13

LOB ROOM: 306 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:00 PM

Time Adjourned: 1:20 PM

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Weber, Schuett, P. Schmidt, D. Sullivan, Judy Goley, Gagnon,
Booras, Moffett, M. Nelson, Hansberry, C. McGuire, Pratt, Hansen, S. Sweeney, Beaudoin, Bianca
Rose Garcia, Sytek, Danais and Byron.

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TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

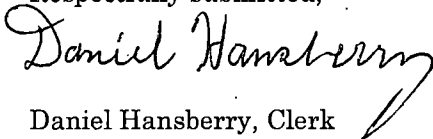
Rep. Gilman Shattuck – Supports the bill – Pierce is only President from New Hampshire. Bill is a small way of honoring President Pierce. Pierce's father was a Revolutionary War Hero.

Rep. Marjorie Porter – Supports the bill – Pierce was Speaker of New Hampshire House, member of United States House and United States Senate.

Gary Sparks – Hillsborough Historical Society – Supports the bill. Pierce came from a prominent family. His father was a two term governor. Pierce was known for his honesty and integrity.

Ben Wilson – Director of Bureau of Historic Sites. Supports the bill – Would help to market Pierce homestead. Pierce worked to maintain the Union. He supported slavery in the Southern states. Just invested under \$100,000.00 in Pierce homestead from moose plate money.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Hansberry, Clerk

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Testimony

From: Gary Sparks
64 School Street
Hillsborough, NH 03244
ph. 464-0225

March 12, 2013

To: The Executive Departments and Administration Committee
New Hampshire House of Representatives
State House
Concord, NH

Re: HB576, Establishing Franklin Pierce Day

I must take exception to Representative Carol McGuire's pithy and not so accurate History Channel style comments about Franklin Pierce found on page 362 of the February 22nd, 2013 House Record. Her less than civil attitude towards those testifying in favor of the bill is reflected in her inaccurate remarks. Those who testified for this bill stressed in their testimony that a great deal of misinformation circulates regarding Franklin Pierce. McGuire's comments indicate that she is among the misinformed. The committee's acceptance of her comments reflects its ignorance of our history.

The Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 had wide support and was an attempt to preserve the Union as had the Missouri Compromise of 1820 and the Compromise of 1850 before it. All were controversial. None succeeded. The Fugitive Slave Act was a part of the Compromise of 1850 sponsored and promoted by Henry Clay, Stephen A. Douglas, and New Hampshire's own Daniel Webster. Federal officials were obligated to enforce it. In the end, none of these efforts prevented disunion and civil war. It's easy now to know why, but we have the advantage of hindsight. Obviously, the whole story is much more complicated, but basically it took a civil war and 600,000 deaths to end slavery and preserve the Union. Pierce's reputation came under fire when a pre-Civil War letter from Pierce to Jefferson Davis was printed in an anti-Pierce newspaper in Concord in a deliberate attempt to smear Pierce.

I am sorry the bill did not pass, but I wish that its failure to do so was based on fact rather than historic fiction.

Sincerely,

Gary Sparks

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 576

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Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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

Moved by Rep. Gagnon

Seconded by Rep. Danais

Vote: 5-10 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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

Moved by Rep. McGuire

Seconded by Rep. Nelson

Vote: 15-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

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

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Dianne E. Schuett, Acting Clerk

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Moved by Rep. ~~McGuire~~ Gagnon

Seconded by Rep. ~~Nelson~~ Daniels

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Dianne C. Schmitt Acting
Rep. Daniel C. Hanberry, Clerk



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Bill #: HB 576 Title: establishing Franklin Pierce Day
PH Date: 2/14/2013 Exec Session Date: 2/19/13
Motion: Gagnon / RETAIN Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Weber, Lucy M, Chairman		10
Schuett, Dianne E, V Chairman	1	
Schmidt, Peter B		1
Judy, Jean L	absent	
Sullivan, Daniel J	2	2
Goley, Jeffrey P		2
Gagnon, Raymond G	3	
Nelson, Mary S		3
Booras, Efstathia C	absent	
Hansberry, Daniel C, Clerk <u>KAEN</u>	4	
Moffett, Howard M <u>R. ROGERS</u>	5	
McGuire, Carol M		4
Sytek, John	absent	
Pratt, Calvin D	absent	
Hansen, Peter T		5
Beaudoin, Steven P		6
Byron, Frank A		7
Danais, Romeo		8
Garcia, Bianca R	absent	
Sweeney, Shawn P		9
TOTAL VOTE:	5	10



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

1/10/2013 9:17:57 AM
Roll Call Committee Registers
Report

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Sullivan, Daniel J	3	
Goley, Jeffrey P	4	
Gagnon, Raymond G	5	
Nelson, Mary S	6	
Booras, Efstathia C	absent	
Hansberry, Daniel C, Clerk <u>KAREN</u>	7	
Moffett, Howard M <u>R. ROGERS</u>	8	
McGuire, Carol M	9	
Sytek, John	absent	
Pratt, Calvin D	absent	
Hansen, Peter T	10	
Beaudoin, Steven P	11	
Byron, Frank A	12	
Danais, Romeo	13	
Garcia, Bianca R	absent	
Sweeney, Shawn P	14	
TOTAL VOTE:	15	0

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

February 20, 2013

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND
ADMINISTRATION to which was referred HB576,**

**AN ACT establishing Franklin Pierce Day. Having
considered the same, report the same with the following**

**Resolution: RESOLVED, That it is INEXPEDIENT TO
LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Carol M McGuire

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION
Bill Number:	HB576
Title:	establishing Franklin Pierce Day.
Date:	February 20, 2013.
Consent Calendar:	NO
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill would have the governor declare November 23 of every year as Franklin Pierce Day. Pierce, the only president from New Hampshire, was a very controversial figure in his time and the controversy is still alive today. As a compromise candidate during the divisive period leading up to the Civil War, Pierce was reviled in New Hampshire for his support of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which extended slavery to the western territories, and his vigorous enforcement of the Fugitive Slave Act. The committee was unwilling to perpetually honor such a person, and suggests to the sponsors that the Governor can proclaim such a day on her own authority.

Vote 15-0.

Rep. Carol M McGuire
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

REGULAR CALENDAR

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ITL, 15-0

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Rep. Carol McGuire for the Committee

OK Lucy Weber

Culberson, Kay

From: Lucy McVitty Weber [lwmcv@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 6:28 AM
To: McGuire, Carol; Culberson, Kay
Subject: Re: blurb

Thanks, again, Carol.

Kay, this is also good to go.

Lucy

Rep. Lucy McVitty Weber
Chair, Executive Departments and Administration
217 Old Keene Road
Walpole NH 03608
603-756-4338
lwmcv@comcast.net

From: Carol McGuire <mcguire4house@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Carol McGuire <carol@mcguire4house.com>
Date: Tue, 19 Feb 2013 22:45:09 -0500
To: Lucy McVitty Weber <lwmcv@comcast.net>, "Culberson, Kay"
<Kay.Culberson@leg.state.nh.us>
Subject: blurb

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Carol McGuire for the committee

Culberson, Kay

From: Carol McGuire [mcguire4house@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 10:45 PM

To: Weber, Lucy; Culberson, Kay

Subject: blurb

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