

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

February 8, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Executive Departments and Administration to which was referred CACR 7,

AN ACT relating to the governor. Providing that there be a lieutenant governor who shall assume the duties of the governor if the governor is incapacitated. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Peter Schmidt

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Executive Departments and Administration
Bill Number:	CACR 7
Title:	relating to the governor. Providing that there be a lieutenant governor who shall assume the duties of the governor if the governor is incapacitated.
Date:	February 8, 2021
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 16-3.

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Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Archived: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:30:58 AM
From: Carol McGuire
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:47:54 AM
To: Miriam Simmons
Subject: Re: FW: Proposed blurb for CACR7, by Rep. PBS
Response requested: Yes
Importance: Normal

I just added the line he requested - it reflects our discussion quite well.

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On Wed, Feb 10, 2021 at 9:41 AM Miriam Simmons <miriam.simmons@leg.state.nh.us> wrote:

Could you review and approve for me please?

Thank-you

~M

From: Peter Schmidt <peterbarrettschmidt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:45 PM
Subject: Re: Proposed blurb for CACR7, by Rep. PBS

On Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 10:43 PM Peter Schmidt <peterbarrettschmidt@gmail.com> wrote:

CACR 7 Rep. PBS For the majority of ED&A (Start with the analysis). Instead, believing that the vision of the framers of the New Hampshire constitution has proven itself over the centuries, the strong majority of the committee chooses to retain the structure laid down by the framers regarding the office of the chief executive, and how, in the case of incapacitation, that officer is to be replaced. Just as, being wary of gubernatorial overreach, our founders checked the authority of the chief executive through a powersharing executive council, they also established no lieutenant governor, and turned to the legislature, calling upon the senate president to replace the governor in case of incapacitation. This had, and still has, the virtue of being extremely thrifty. This arrangement has functioned beautifully over two centuries, and the committee majority sees no compelling reason to abandon it for a potentially pricey growth in state government. Additionally, the proposed

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on CACR 7

BILL TITLE: relating to the governor. Providing that there be a lieutenant governor who shall assume the duties of the governor if the governor is incapacitated.

DATE: February 8, 2021

LOB ROOM: REMOTE / Hybrid

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. P. Schmidt

Seconded by Rep. Grote

Vote: 16-3

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

~~Minority Report = Yes~~

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John Sytek, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # CACR 7

BILL TITLE: CACR 7 RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR

DATE: 2-8-21

LOB ROOM: 206-209

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # _____
- Interim Study (2nd year)
- (if offered)

Moved by Rep. SCHMIDT Seconded by Rep. GROTE Vote: 16-3

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CONSENT CALENDAR: _____ YES X NO

Minority Report? X Yes _____ No If yes, author, Rep: REP. SCHULTZ Motion OTP

Respectfully submitted: [Signature]
Rep. John Sytek, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Executive Departments and Administration

Bill #: CACR 7 Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2-8-21

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
McGuire, Carol M. Chairman	X		
Roy, Terry Vice Chairman	X		
Sytek, John Clerk	X		
Pearson, Stephen C.	X		
Yakubovich, Michael		X	
Lekas, Tony	X		
Alliegro, Mark C.	X		
Bailey, Glenn	X		
Lanzara, Tom E.	X		
Santonastaso, Matthew	X		
Goley, Jeffrey P.	X		
Schuett, Dianne E.	X		
Judy, Jean L.		X	
Schmidt, Peter B.	X		
Schultz, Kristina M.		X	
Fellows, Sallie D.	X		
Fontneau, Timothy J.	X		
Grote, Jaci L.	X		
O'Brien, Michael B.	X		
TOTAL VOTE:			

16-3

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON CACR 7

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DATE: February 8, 2021

LOB ROOM: LOB Hybrid **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 9:35 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:10 a.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. McGuire, Roy, Sytek, S. Pearson, Yakubovich, T. Lekas, Alliegro, Bailey, Lanzara, Santonastaso, Goley, Schuett, Jeudy, P. Schmidt, Schultz, Fellows, Fontneau, Grote and O'Brien

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Moffett

Rep. Pearl

Rep. Lang

TESTIMONY

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

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**Respectfully submitted by,
Rep. Jaci Grote
Acting Committee Clerk**

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House Remote Testify

Executive Departments and Administration Committee Testify List for Bill CACR7 on 2

Support: 3 Oppose: 11 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 2

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>§</u>
See, Alvin	absee@4Liberty.net	7380656	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	2
Horrigan, Timothy	timothy.horrigan@leg.state.nh.us	603.969.3823	An Elected Official	Strafford 6	Oppose	Yes (3m)	2
Fordey, Nicole	nikkif610@gmail.com	516.318.2296	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
DeMark, Richard	demarknh114@gmail.com	603.520.5582	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Rathbun, Eric	ericrathbun@gmail.com	860.912.3751	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2
Howlang, Curtis	howland@priss.com	603.512.3414	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Larson, Ruth	ruthlarson@msn.com	603.364.4003	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Westlake, Jane	janewestlake57@gmail.com	603.219.6594	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Mennella, Alexandra	amennella1@protonmail.com	646.610.9858	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Dewey, Karen	pkdewey@comcast.net	603.504.2813	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2
Bruce, Susan	susanb.red@mac.com	603.730.7078	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Beene, Holly	holly.beene@yahoo.com	682.225.2425	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Edwards, Rep Jess	jess.edwards@leg.state.nh.us	603.370.7885	An Elected Official	Rockingham District 4 (Auburn, Chester, Sandown)	Oppose	No	2
Frost, Sherry	sherry.frost@leg.state.nh.us	978.255.3924	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	2

Testimony

Archived: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6:38:58 PM
From: Michael Moffett
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 3:06:17 PM
To: ~House Executive Departments and Administration
Cc: Michael Moffett
Subject: A Lieutenant Governor for NH?
Importance: Normal

Honorable ED&A Colleagues:

Pasted below is my testimony for CACR 7.

Sincerely,

-MIM

Michael I. Moffett (LtCol, USMCR)
Professor/Author/**N.H. State Representative**
144 Green View Drive
Loudon, N.H. 03307 **603-491-0553 (cell)**

“Nothing great in the world has ever been accomplished without passion.” – Georg W. F. Hegel

TESTIMONY Re: CACR 7 – A Lieutenant Governor for New Hampshire

- by Michael Moffett (Prime Sponsor)

For the record I'm State Representative Mike Moffett representing Merrimack District 9 and the beautiful towns of Canterbury and Loudon.

I and others really hope that you will take some time to consider Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution 7 and the notion of establishing a lieutenant governor position for the state of New Hampshire.

Currently at least 43 states already have lieutenant governors. Now I know that is not a reason for us to establish such a position. But there is a strong case for doing so which I'll touch on here. And for doing it the New Hampshire way.

Constitutionally, our current line of succession calls for the State Senate President to replace the governor. This has happened several times, most recently in 2016 when Senate President Chuck Morse replaced Maggie Hassan briefly when the latter was sworn in as a U.S. Senator. Senate President Ralph Hough replaced Judd Gregg briefly in 1992 when the latter was also sworn in as a U.S. Senator.

But please ponder what happened in 1982, when Senate President Vesta Roy was sworn in as governor after the death of Hugh Gallen. These two individuals were of different parties, and that could be problematical. However, Gallen had just been defeated in a reelection bid, having lost the office to John Sununu. But assume Gallen had won that election before passing away. The people would have elected a Democrat, but then a Republican would have finished the term. And that presents major problems.

To have a Senate President of one party replace a Governor of another party creates all kinds of issues. Does the new Governor continue to serve as Senate President? How could he or she do both?

This is a constitutional issue that really demands attention.

Ponder what would have happened had, God forbid, Republican Governor Chris Sununu been struck by lightning in 2019. Democrat Senator Donna Soucy would have become Governor to finish out his term. Would she have maintained Sununu's existing staff, or replaced members? What would have happened with regard to running the senate? Could she serve simultaneously in the legislative and executive branches? That's what Senators Roy, Hough, and Morse did. They did NOT resign their senate seats before being sworn in as acting governors.

New Hampshire is one of only two states with governors who serve but two years, so that mitigates the problems somewhat, but action is still needed.

And that action involves amending our constitution to create a lieutenant governor position.

But we should do it the New Hampshire way. We should have a citizen Lieutenant Governor, the way we have citizen legislators. CACR7 calls for the lieutenant governor to receive the same salary as the Senate President, which is \$125 a year. So this would be an example of growing government in the best way—essentially doubling our gubernatorial manpower at virtually no cost.

Our Governor gets countless more invitations than he or she could ever begin to accept. Building dedications. Ribbon Cuttings. Testimonials. Funerals. School visits. On and on. A lieutenant governor could double the productivity of the Chief Executive office. For only \$125..

And the line of succession would be cleaner. New Hampshire voters would now vote for a ticket and could be assured that the state would avoid the chaos that would occur if a senate president had to assume the governorship for an extended period—especially if the senate president is of a different party, as was the circumstance in several cases cited above.

The succession issue addressed by CACR7 is non-partisan, as there is no way to know which parties will control what positions in the future.

Now some will argue that “We’ve never done *that* before.” Or “We’ve gotten along fine without a lieutenant governor for 240 years.” Or “Just because every other state has a lieutenant governor doesn’t mean we have to have one.”

Those are all flawed arguments and hopefully when this measure goes to executive session they can be appropriately refuted.


This is a really great proposal that improves the line of succession, improves the productivity and capacity of the governor's office, and precludes the potential chaos that would result if the governor needed to be replaced midway through his or her term.

All for \$125 a year. We can do this. We *should* do this.

I'd be happy to take any questions.

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(State Rep. Mike Moffett of Loudon is Vice Chair of the House Committee on State and Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs, He is also a member of the House Education Committee. This testimony was submitted for the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration regarding CACR7.)

Archived: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6:38:58 PM
From: [Timothy Horrigan](#)
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 12:14:12 AM
To: ~House Executive Departments and Administration
Cc: TimothyHORRIGAN@me.com; timothyhorrigan56@gmail.com; Tim Horrigan; Timothy Horrigan; HCS
Subject: testimony against CACR 7
Response requested: No
Importance: Normal
Attachments:
[CACR 7 \(2021\) House Executive Departments & Administration.pdf](#) 

Here is my written testimony against CACR7, which is being heard Monday, February 3 at 9:30 am. I have attached a PDF file and also pasted the text into the body of the email.

Thanks,

Rep. Timothy Horrigan [<timothy.horrigan@leg.state.nh.us>](mailto:timothy.horrigan@leg.state.nh.us)

Testimony Against CACR 7

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House Executive Departments & Administration Committee

February 8, 2021

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I have been a member of the New Hampshire House for 13 years now and we have been struggling the whole time about what to do with a certain constitutional office which has few if any functions. Actually, “struggling” might be an overdramatic word: most of us in Concord (be it the real-world Concord or the current mostly virtual Concord) are totally oblivious to the issue of the office of Register of Probate. But it is fair to say it's strange that this office continues to exist after virtually all of its functions were taken over by the judiciary branch. It's also dangerous to have an elective office with no power, since even a purely nominal office can be abused. (Luckily, none of our ten counties have had any serious problems with their Registers of Probate.) I have been on both sides of that long-running debate: first I was in favor of eliminating it, and then I was in favor of restoring some of its powers.

CACR 7 creates a new constitutional office, the office of Lieutenant Governor, whose office-holder apparently has no specific duties at all, aside from waiting around for the Governor to become incapacitated, die or resign. Most states have a Lieutenant Governor who in most (but not all) cases also serves as the President of the Senate, but not all. (Similarly, at the federal level the Vice President of the United States is also the President of the United States Senate.) Here in New Hampshire, the Senate elects its own President, who is first in line to be the Acting Governor. Only a few Senate Presidents have become Acting Governors, and usually only for brief periods, and the transition has always been peaceful. It is unclear what problem CACR 7 solves.

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I recommend finding CACR 7 **Inexpedient to Legislate**.

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Bill as
Introduced

CACR 1 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0030
06/05

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **1**

RELATING TO: taxes.

PROVIDING THAT: an income tax on earned personal income shall be prohibited.

SPONSORS: Rep. Harrington, Straf. 3; Rep. Potucek, Rock. 6; Rep. Torosian, Rock. 14;
Rep. Aron, Sull. 7

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution prohibits the adoption of a tax on earned personal income in New Hampshire.

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 Twenty One

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:

1 I. That the second part of the constitution be amended by inserting after article 6-b the
2 following new article:

3 [Art.] 6-c. [Income Tax Prohibited.] The General Court is prohibited from adopting a tax on
4 earned personal income.

5 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
6 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2022.

7 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
8 insert in their warrants for the said 2022 election an article to the following effect: To decide
9 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2021 session of the general court shall
10 be approved.

11 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:
12 "Are you in favor of amending the second part of the constitution by inserting after article 6-b a new
13 article to read as follows:

14 [Art.] 6-c. [Income Tax Prohibited.] The General Court is prohibited from adopting a tax on
15 earned personal income."

16 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or
17 on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall
18 include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote "Yes" or "No." If no cross is made in
19 either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall
20 be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words "Questions Relating to Constitutional
21 Amendments proposed by the 2021 General Court" shall be printed in bold type at the top of the
22 ballot.

23 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it
24 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

25 VII. Voters' Guide.

26 AT THE PRESENT TIME, the state legislature has the authority to adopt a tax on
27 earned personal income.

28 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, the state legislature will be prohibited from

- 1 adopting a tax on earned personal income.