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### Reagan, Bradley praise Senate passage of Right-to-Work in NH

CONCORD, NH – Today, the Senate passed a bill that would prohibit requiring employees to join or contribute to a labor union.

Senator John Reagan (R-Deerfield), the prime sponsor of the bill, and Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) released the following statements:

“Today’s vote in the Senate marks a significant step forward in strengthening employee rights to choose whether or not to contribute and belong to a labor union in order to work and I look forward to the House’s support on this legislation,” said Senator John Reagan (R-Deerfield). “I’ve been a dues-paying union member for 50 years, including 18 years in retirement. Supporting Right-to-Work in New Hampshire means a stronger economy and a more competitive state to do business. We know that Right-to-Work states generally see higher wages as well as greater accountability for unions who want to attract workers to join.”

“Passing this legislation in New Hampshire will also serve to address the \$5 billion in unfunded liability within the State’s Retirement System by bringing in more businesses and employees in to the state, strengthening the overall tax base,” added Reagan.

“We’ve been working hard to help employers create jobs in New Hampshire by lowering business taxes, reducing burdensome regulation, focusing on reducing high energy costs and today’s vote to allow greater employee freedom is another important building block that we can use to make New Hampshire more competitive,” said Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro). “Removing this barrier to work will attract more businesses and jobs to New Hampshire because should this bill becomes law, our state will be the only Right-to-Work state in New England.”

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