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Statement by Senator Birdsell on her First In the Nation Resolution

Concord, NH - Senator Regina Birdsell (R-Hampstead), issued the following statement following the Senate passage of her resolution protecting New Hampshire's First in the Nation Primary status:

"New Hampshire's historic First in the Nation Primary is a tradition I will always fight to protect," stated Senator Birdsell.

"In the past, we have always held bipartisan support as other states challenged our First in the Nation status. But today, the threat is not from other states, but from Washington. The National Democratic Committee would like to dictate to New Hampshire when they will allow us to hold our primary. But our primary is set by law, not by a political committee."

"Granite Staters have passionately proven their ability to hold our nation's first Presidential Primary, of which we consistently hold one of the highest participation rates in the country. Make no mistake, we will follow New Hampshire's law, and our Primary will remain First in the Nation."

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Senate Bill 144 would raise the New Hampshire minimum raise to \$13 dollars an hour over the next year, and then to \$15 dollars beginning July 2024.