

Legislative Program

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Department of NH VFW Auxiliary Legislative 2023-2024

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January General Information

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The past couple months have been busy ones. I am sure just like my Auxiliary you were all very busy with events that supported our for veterans and their families through the holiday season. Last month I provided some information on how a bill is introduced into the houses and from there gets sent to the President but what happens when the President reviews it?

The bill is sent to the President for review. A bill becomes law if signed by the President or if not signed within 10 days and Congress is in session. If Congress adjourns before the 10 days and the President has not signed the bill, then it does not become a law, this is called a “pocket veto.” If the President vetoes the bill, it is sent back to Congress with a note listing the reasons why. The chamber where the legislation was submitted can attempt to override the veto by a vote of two-thirds of those members present. If the veto of the bill is overridden in both chambers then it becomes a law. A bill becomes a law once signed by the President or his veto is overridden by both houses where it is then assigned an official number.

This month is an important one in the political arena as New Hampshire presidential primaries are being held on January 23, 2024. Not only is it important for you to get out there and vote but it is also important to reach out the legislators and inquire about their views on our veterans and military personnel and what they plan on doing in the upcoming term to support them. It would also be a good idea, if you are able, before the primaries to host a Town Hall where you could invite those running to speak to your post and auxiliaries which would be helpful to those who may not know who is running and what they stand for.

Is your Auxiliary caught up on reporting? Do not forget that you should report when you have emailed representatives, taken action and/or read Action Corps, shared any legislative information with your auxiliary. We want to show the Department of NH that we are well informed advocates for our Veterans and their families.

Next month I will be sharing the legislation that has been presented, will be presented or has passed the house over the last few months and give some more insight into the legislative process.

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