



Mario Ratzki (left) and David Kerrick (right) attended a signing ceremony with Governor Maggie Hassan (seated) for SB 62, which allows Ragged Mountain Resort to have a better sign.

Mario Ratzki Reports from Concord: June 2013

Can the NH budget be reconciled?

By Mario Ratzki
NH House Representative

June 18 – There is precious little to report from Concord. As I write this, the New Hampshire House and Senate are still in conference committees trying to bridge their differences so as to present us with a budget. Points of contention:

- Revenues estimate: the House sees \$57 million more in revenues; the Senate does not and threatens to lay off 700 state workers, perhaps more.
- Medicaid expansion, which would cover thousands of uninsured families in New Hampshire, has been taken out by the Senate; the House wants it back.
- The Senate wants the full voter ID law to take effect. The House wants to repeal full implementation, arguing that any photo ID (student, military, etc.) be allowed.

The reconciled budget is meant to be voted on on Wednesday, June 26. At this point, I cannot tell whether it can be reconciled. We will have to wait and see.

In other news, Caroline and I recently

came back from an Azerbaijan/Turkey/US conference in Baku, Azerbaijan and in Istanbul, Ankara, and Izmir, Turkey. I applied and was selected to participate along with four other members of the New Hampshire House. (See a photo See Ratzki on page 6

Breaking News!

June 21 – The House and the Senate have reached agreement on the budget.

Medicaid expansion will not happen now, but a commission will study expansion and report later this year at which point we will get a chance to vote on it again.

In great news, flood control payments were 100% restored by the Senate and agreed to by the House for fiscal years 2014 and 2015. Some of the money is coming from the Attorney General Office budget as an incentive for that office to pursue Massachusetts for the flood control payments it owes New Hampshire. The Attorney General is in Massachusetts as we speak to do just that. In the meantime, Salisbury has got some money coming!

– MR

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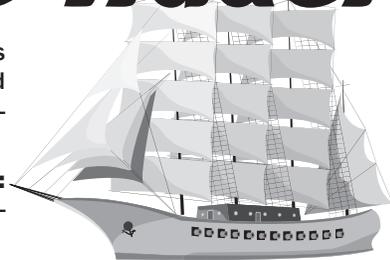
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