Representative Yury Polozov

Merrimack District 10

Legislative Biography



NH Rep. Yury Polozov is a Representative in the New Hampshire General Court who represents New Hampshire House Merrimack 10 and received 13.1% of the vote in his last election. He is a member of the Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee.

He works most frequently on Crime and Law Enforcement (6 bills), Health (5 bills), Economics and Public Finance (5 bills), Families (4 bills), and

Transportation and Public Works (3 bills). He has sponsored 2 bills in his last one year(s) in office, voting with his party 85.0% of the time, getting 0.0% of his bills out of committee, and 0.0% of his sponsored bills enacted.

Rep. Polozov most frequently works on legislation with Tony Lekas (R-NH-97) (4 bills), Dan Hynes (I-NH-61) (4 bills), and Lex Berezhny (R-NH-52) (3 bills). He most frequently votes with Tom Mannion (R-NH-60) (90.45%), Michael Costable (R-NH-16) (89.55%), and Emily Phillips (R-NH-141) (89.55%).

Before entering politics, Rep. Polozov was involved in business. He received a graduate degree from Saint Petersburg State University (Russia).

<u>About</u>

Assumed Office - 2022 Next Election - 2024 Residence - Hooksett, NH Term - 1st term

Previous Experience

IT Administrator, Krylov State Research Center, 2007 Information Technology Analyst, Neocash Radio, 2017 Chief Technology Officer, Humans Ru, 2001-2007 Senior Laboratory Assistant - Researcher, Institute of Cytology Russian Academy of Sciences, 2002-2006

[Quorum Biography, Accessed 1/12/2024]

Undermining American Democracy

Activity	Description	Category	Role
HB 440	Relative to the uses of education trust fund	Anti-Labor	Voted Yea
HB 367	Relative to eligibility of students in the education freedom account program	Anti-Labor	Voted Yea
SB 272	Establishing the Parental Bill of Rights.	Culture Wars	Voted Nay to Indefinitely Postpone
HB 619	Attacks on LGTBQIA+ Student & Teachers	Culture Wars	Voted Yea
HB 10	Establishing the Parental Bill of Rights.	Culture Wars	Voted Yea
HB 514	Relative to the dissemination of obscene material by schools and institutions of higher learning.	Culture Wars	Voted Nay to Table

Other

On the day former President Donald Trump was indicted for his role in paying hush money to a porn star, Representative Polozov posted to Facebook falsely calling it a "political persecution." On March 30th 2023, he posted to his Facebook page, "Sad news today regarding the political persecution of the previous Republican President. It is more important than ever to choose the right fighter." Trump was indicted by a Manhattan grand jury, becoming the first former president in United States history to be criminally indicted. There is no evidence the indictment was politically motivated. [Facebook, Accessed 1/17/2024; NPR, 3/30/2023]

Representative Polozov posted a livestream to his Facebook page featuring a speaker falsely arguing vaccines were unsafe and ineffective. On February 18th 2023, Representative Polozov posted to his social media a livestream featuring a speaker named Dr. Madhava Setty with text saying: "Are those medications safe and effective? Let's discuss!" In the video, the speaker makes specific accusations that imply the CDC and pharmaceutical companies knew COVID-19 vaccines were unsafe and ineffective. Another accusation presented is that vaccine efficacy rates were actively manipulated. According to PBS Newshour, "Misinformation plays a major role in vaccine hesitancy and the extent to which people trust institutions and the media," while also shaping people's personal health decisions, said Sander van der Linden, a social psychologist who directs the Cambridge Social Decision-Making Lab at Cambridge University. A small group of social media superspreaders are generating much of the misinformation that infects people's understanding of the world around them, he added." [Facebook, Accessed 1/17/2024; PBS Newshour, 1/18/2024]

Representative Polozov was endorsed by the Koch-funded organization Americans for Prosperity. Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire endorsed Representative Polozov in 2022. According to the Center for Media and Democracy, Americans for Prosperity is a "right-wing political advocacy group founded by billionaire brothers David and Charles Koch, the owners of Koch Industries. AFP serves as the Kochs' 'grassroots' operation, also known as astroturf. AFP spends millions on TV ads in election cycles." As of 2023, AFP has 36 State Chapters with at least 250 staffers, and it boasts of 3.2 million activists participating in their ground force. "In the 2012 election cycle, it was a key component of the Kochs' \$400 million political network, receiving large portions of its money from Koch-linked dark money groups like Freedom Partners, American Encore, and Donors Trust. [Sourcewatch, Accessed 1/13/23; NH Journal, 7/28/22]