Majority Leader Jason Osborne

Rockingham District 4

Legislative Biography



NH Rep. Jason Osborne is the Representative in the New Hampshire General Court who represents New Hampshire House Rockingham 02 and received 18.5% of the vote in his last election. He is a member of the Employee Relations, Legislative Facilities, Legislator Orientation, Rules, Legislative Administration, Historical, and Election Law committees.

He works most frequently on Law (42 bills), Crime and Law Enforcement (36 bills), Economics and Public Finance (34 bills), Health (28 bills), and Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues (27 bills). He

has sponsored 6 bills in his last thirteen year(s) in office, voting with his party 70.8% of the time, getting 50.0% of his bills out of committee, and 16.67% of his sponsored bills enacted.

Rep. Osborne most frequently works on legislation with Kevin Avard (R-NH-12) (29 bills), Jess Edwards (R-NH-165) (22 bills), and Jeanine Notter (R-NH-71) (17 bills). He most frequently votes with Zachary Nutting (R-NH-27) (92.27%), Vanessa Sheehan (R-NH-102) (92.27%), and Tony Piemonte (R-NH-143) (92.27%).

Before entering politics, Rep. Osborne was involved in business. He received his undergraduate degree from Hillsdale College (NH) and a graduate degree from George Mason University (VA).

<u>About</u>

Assumed Office - 2014 Next Election - 2024 Residence - Auburn, NH Term - 5th term

Previous Experience

Majority Partner and Chief Operating Officer, National Financial Services Company

[Quorum Biography, <u>Accessed 1/18/2024</u>]

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 61	Right-To-Work	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
SB 418	Voter ID	Voter Suppression	Voted Yea

Undermining American Democracy

Other

Drawing direct comparisons in overturning Roe v. Wade, House Majority Leader Jason Osborne pushed to overturn New Hampshire's school funding system. Citing the Dobbs decision, New Hampshire Republicans, including Jason Osborne, pushed the New Hampshire Supreme Court to overturn two decisions that have funded New Hampshire's school system for decades. According to the New Hampshire Bulletin, "In an amicus brief filed to the Supreme Court this month, 30 House and Senate Republicans, including House Speaker Sherman Packard and House Majority Leader Jason Osborne, argue the New Hampshire Supreme Court wrongly decided the two Claremont cases in the 1990s and that those cases should be overturned. The lawmakers devote much of their filing to the argument that the New Hampshire Supreme Court does not need to be fully bound by its own precedent, known as stare decisis, drawing direct comparisons to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade in Dobbs. Unless the court overturns the Claremont decisions, New Hampshire courts will continue to confront the question of how much the state should fund the schools and the lawsuits will never end, the lawmakers say." [New Hampshire Bulletin, 9/18/2024]

House Majority Leader Jason Osborne used racial slurs and described pedophilia on an online libertarian website in 2011. According to the New Hampshire Bulletin, "In the post, written on a now-disbanded forum for the libertarian radio show 'Free Talk Live' and confirmed by the Bulletin, Osborne, an Auburn Republican, appeared to use the slurs to draw a comparison between child sex abuse and lynching, and to make the point that people who voice support of either behavior should be avoided. 'If someone says to you that they support lynching a (racial slur), and in fact they really are stimulated by the thought of lynching a (racial slur), would you associate with that person?' Osborne, who was 33 at the time, wrote in response to another commentator. 'Would you tell people about it? If you say that having an idea that lynching (racial slur) is good is not the same as having an idea that (expletive) kids is good, then that is the source of the disconnect there.'" [New Hampshire Bulletin, <u>9/1/2022</u>]

House Majority Leader Jason Osborne fired all his company's employees after receiving \$4 million in the Paycheck Protection Program. According to NHPR, "Osborne's company fired the last of his 20 New Hampshire employees on March 2 without notice, as he did with 500 others in his

hometown of Defiance, Ohio, and around the country, despite \$4 million in Paycheck Protection Program funding granted in 2020 to retain employees. His company, Mammoth Tech Inc. – formerly Credit Adjustment Inc. – is facing a class action suit for failing to give that notice, a lawsuit by its Manchester landlord for not paying rent, a \$1 million judgment for stiffing a staffing agency, another \$181,000 judgment for reneging on a management company, not to mention two disability discrimination suits filed by former pregnant employees, one settled and one ongoing." The debt-collecting company, founded by Jason Obsborne's father, was given contracts from the U.S. Department of Education Default Collection Services. The contracts had a peak value of \$70 million in 2020, and got a five-year renewal in 2019. During, "March 2020, the Department of Education initiated a moratorium on student debt collection. And at some point – no one is exactly sure why or when – the company lost its loan collection contract." On March 2, 2020, Jason Osborne announced via a mass email that the company would "terminate" its entire workforce, 100 to 200 employees, by the end of the day. [NHPR, 7/13/2022]

House Majority Leader Jason Osborne blasted efforts to protect abortion rights and falsely claimed Democratic support for abortions up to the moment of birth. As Democrats in New Hampshire sought to enshrine abortion rights in the state constitution, House Majority Leader Jason Osborne mocked the effort and falsely claimed Democrats supported tax-funded abortions up to the moment of birth. According to WMUR, "House Majority Leader Jason Osborne is already blasting this effort, saying, 'I am much less concerned about no-chance legislation supported by only a few fringe members than I am about the unanimous Democrat caucus support of tax-payer funded elective abortions up to the moment of birth and beyond." [WMUR, <u>12/11/2023</u>]

House Majority Leader Jason Osborne was endorsed by the Koch-funded organization

Americans for Prosperity. Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire endorsed Representative Osborne 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, <u>Accessed 1/13/23</u>; Americans for Prosperity-New Hampshire, <u>7/18/22</u>]

House Majority Leader Jason Osborne was given the Defender of Liberty award in 2019 by Americans for Prosperity. Americans for Prosperity New Hampshire awarded him the and scored him as an A+ on their scorecard. [Inside Sources, <u>11/22/2020</u>]