



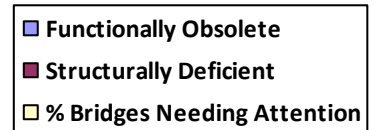
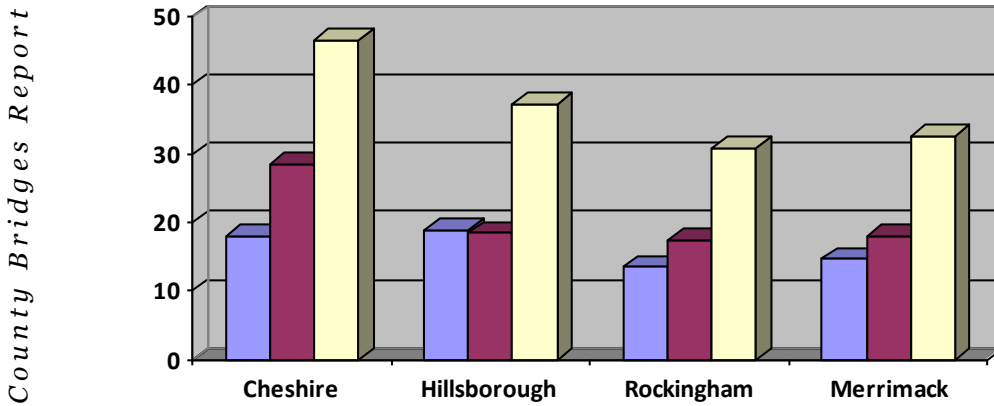
# RURALVOTES ON THE RECORD

## New Hampshire Travel Advisory



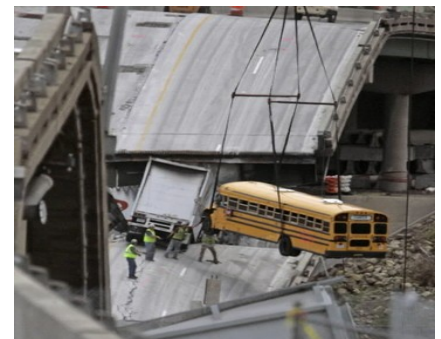
- ◆ New Hampshire was one of four states that recorded the least progress, with work conducted on just one of each state's 20 most heavily traveled structurally deficient bridges.
- ◆ 30.7 percent of the state's more than 2,300 bridges are rated structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.

Source: AP, 7/30/08



## CHECKING THE FEDERAL VOTING RECORD

- ◆ United States Senators John Sununu and Judd Gregg voted *against* Transportation Department funding to add \$1 billion to the Highway Trust Fund to repair aging bridges. Source: HR 3074, 9/10/07, Roll call 329
- ◆ Former Congressman Jeb Bradley voted *against* \$318 billion in surface transportation programs and eliminating tax breaks for companies that move jobs and operations offshore to pay for it. Source: HR 3, 3/10/05, Roll call 64
- ◆ US Representatives Paul Hodes and Carol Shea-Porter voted *in favor* of increasing investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System. Source: HR 3999, 7/24/08, Roll call 530
- ◆ Federal law mandates the uniform inspection of all bridges for structural and functional adequacy at least every two years; bridges rated 'deficient' are eligible for federal repair dollars.



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## New Hampshire Veterans Report

- ★ New Hampshire had the most upward movement in enlistment ratio, ranking first above Texas and Maine. *Source: The Heritage Foundation, October, 2006*
- ★ 1 in 5 Iraq & Afghanistan veterans suffer Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or major depression. *Source: RAND Corporation, April 2008*



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- ★ Sununu voted **against** veterans' health care in favor of continuing tax breaks for the wealthy. *HR 4297, 2/13/06, Roll call 15*
- ★ Sununu voted **against** funding outpatient and inpatient healthcare and treatment for veterans. *HR 4939, Akaka amendment, 4/26/06, Roll call 98*
- ★ Sununu voted **against** increased funding to the TRICARE program to allow better health care access for the National Guard and Reserves and their families. *S Con Res 23, 3/25/03, Roll call 81*
- ★ Sununu voted **against** increasing the Department of Veteran Affairs by more than a billion dollars as proposed by the Independent Budget; and voted **against** decreasing the deficit using unreconciled tax cuts. *S Con Res 23, 3/21/03, Roll call 74*
- ★ Disabled American Veterans (DAV) rated Sununu 42% in 2005, 40% in 2006
- ★ The Retired Enlisted Association rated Sununu 29% in 2006
- ★ Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America gave him a low grade for 2006: D

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## New Hampshire Finance Report

SENATOR JOHN SUNUNU VOTED NO

### HOUSING CRISIS

About 100,000 homes went into foreclosure in August and analysts predict another wave of foreclosures. Countrywide, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, IndyMac, Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch and AIG have all but collapsed under the housing crisis. The crisis might have been prevented if Congress had acted to curtail predatory lending practices assist in mortgage relief. *Source: Common Cause*

### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MORTGAGE BANKERS AND BROKERS

John Sununu has taken **\$53,600** from mortgage bankers and brokers since 2000. *Source: Common Cause*



### PREDATORY LENDING PROTECTION

- ◆ John Sununu *voted against* discouraging predatory lending practices, by prohibiting mortgage lenders from collecting claims from bankruptcy court if they illegally extended credit to borrowers. *Source: S 256, 3/3/05, Roll Call 22*

### MORTGAGE RELIEF

- ◆ John Sununu *voted against* a mortgage relief measure that added \$100 million in funding for housing counseling. *Source: HR 3221, 4/3/08, Roll Call 89*

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## New Hampshire Farm Bill Facts Report

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### School Nutrition

The farm bill includes a significant expansion of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, providing fresh produce to children in schools. Over the next decade \$1 billion will be invested in this initiative, part of which will serve the New Hampshire Farm to School Program. ([www.nhfarmtoschool.org/index.cfm](http://www.nhfarmtoschool.org/index.cfm))



### Food Stamps

Food purchasing ability for low-income households is increased by \$5.4 billion over the next 10 years. Food stamp participation has increased across the nation between 2003 and 2008 and New Hampshire has seen the second-fastest growth in the U.S. - a 41 percent rise from five years ago. (Boston Globe, 7/23/08).



### Farmers' Markets

\$50 million over the next 10 years helps senior citizens purchase locally grown products at farmers' markets, roadside stands and other community supported agriculture. New Hampshire's 69 farmers' markets provide opportunity for growers to direct market fresh, local, healthy foods to consumers. The farm bill gives a \$33 million boost to expand farmers' markets nationally.

### Organic Agriculture

\$78 million is provided for the Organic Research and Extension Initiative to enhance the ability of producers and processors to grow and market organic food, feed and fiber. Money under this title of the bill is used at the University of New Hampshire's Organic Dairy Farm, the first facility of its kind in the nation at a land grant university. Organic agriculture is a fast growing sector of American agriculture, many producers face challenges as they transition to organic production. To assist producers, \$22 million is provided for the next five years: an increase of \$17 million from the 2002 Farm Bill.

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## New Hampshire Homeland Security Report

- ◆ New Hampshire suffered massive decreases in Federal Homeland Security Grant Program awards, reflected in a 52.99% reduction from 2005 to 2006. From 2004 to 2005, New Hampshire's Homeland Security Grant funds were cut 34 percent for First Responder, Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Protection, & Citizen Corp. Source: NH Dept. of Safety



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### **S 4 Improving America's Security Act of 2007/Passage**

Passage of the bill that would implement remaining recommendations of the September 11 Commission and implement aviation security screening measures. It would authorize more than \$4 billion for rail and mass transit security, \$3.1 billion for homeland security grant programs, and \$3.3 billion for a new emergency grant program to improve communications among first-responders.

- ◆ March 13, 2007. Roll call 73. **Sununu voted: No.**

### **S Con Res 23 Fiscal 2004 Budget Resolution/First Responders**

Leahy (D-VT) amendment to increase the level of funding in fiscal year 2004 for first responders by \$3 billion (to a total of \$6,500,000,000) to support their efforts to protect homeland security and prevent and respond to acts of terrorism, and to reduce tax reductions for taxpayers with annual incomes greater than \$300,000, and to provide an additional \$3 billion for deficit reduction.

- ◆ March 25, 2003. Roll call 88. **Sununu voted: No.**

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