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House Majority Leader, Dick Hinch, Deputy House Majority Leader, Steve Schmidt, and Speaker Pro Tem, Sherm Packard, have endorsed Rich Ashooh for the republican nomination for the 1st district in New Hampshire. They cited his experience in business and the defense industry and his focus on reducing the national debt. Ashooh will be filing his candidacy on Friday at noon. He will host his campaign kickoff at the Stark Brewing Co. the same day at 5:30p.m.

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Three Democrats Want to Challenge Rep. Young in November [Iowa Public Radio [6/2/16](http://iowapublicradio.org/post/three-democrats-want-challenge-rep-young-november#stream/0) ]

The three democratic candidates in Iowa’s 3rd district are Desmund Adams, Jim Mowrer, and Mike Sherzan. The radio station also states that there aren’t major policy differences between the three candidates.

Iowa’s 3rd Congressional District covers 16 counties in the southwest corner of the state. Brad Anderson, a democratic strategist, says Iowa’s 3rd district is always a competitive district because Democrats within the district have a high turnout during presidential election years and Rep. Young has only been in office for one term. Young, he claims, has not built a strong enough base to make his district safe. Anderson further states that he would like to see the democratic candidates inspire the base and begin “setting forth bold ideas.” He said that he has been disappointed with the candidates thus far because he believes that they have been playing it safe.

All of the candidates are in favor of raising the minimum wage to $15 an hour, supportive of transgender rights, pro-Israel, stronger gun-control policies, and campaign finance reform. The candidates have all spoken out against Donald Trump and the Clinton email scandal.

Desmund Adams has said that he doesn’t believe that the primary is about the issues. He believes that it is important for his party to elect someone who can defeat David Young.

Mowrer has received the most support from the party establishment after having the most experience in Washington. He has worked in the Pentagon and served in Iraq. Sherzan stated that he doesn’t believe that endorsements are the only thing that a candidate needs in this election. He believes that citizens should be allowed to make their own minds up.

Laura Belin, from the Bleeding Heartland website, agrees with Sherzan’s views on endorsements. She states that she believes that a competitive primary race will help the Democrats going into the general election because they will have received a lot of media coverage.

The Iowa primary is one June 7th.

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The Sherzan campaign sent out an email in response to the ad that was released by the Mowrer campaign.

The Sherzan campaign sent out a campaign email yesterday in retaliation against the ad released by his opponent, Jim Mowrer, stating that he was not as tough on Wall Street. Sherzan stated in the email that it was lie that he was not working to tighten regulations on Wall Street because he was very much in favor of Dodd-Frank Wall Street reforms. He cites his 37 year working in the financial services industry. The campaign also cited the pact between their campaign and Mowrer that had agreed to not go negative during the primary. They further state that they will not be releasing a negative ad to retaliate. Sherzan says that he hopes the 3rd district will see that this is just a desperate candidate who wants to win through false negative attacks.

MA-09 Keating

Local News

National News

Mass. Lawmaker praises report calling for added security around airports [Security Info Watch [6/1/16](http://www.securityinfowatch.com/news/12215168/mass-lawmaker-praises-report-calling-for-added-security-around-airports)]

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Congressman William Keating has called for updating the security of the nation’s airports. The Government Accountability Office called for TSA to implement a method to access the system-wide security of airports and make other improvements. The Department of Homeland Security has agreed that improvements are necessary.

Keating in addition to three other Democratic congressmen requested the review in 2014. He cited some of the security deficiencies are perimeter security, aviation workers smuggling weapons and drugs into security-restricted areas.

The Associated Press reported 345 incidents in which intruders breached fences and gates in 31 different airports from 2004 to this year. Keating cited the deaths of two teenagers who had stowed away on commercial airlines flights.

The Congressman is a ranking member of the terrorism subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee as well as the Oversight Subcommittee of the House Committee on Homeland Security. Keating has sponsored a bill intended to improve the security around airports was approved this past spring with bipartisan support.

From the Campaigns

MI-06 Upton

Local News

Stabenow: Michigan powers the Arsenal of Democracy OPINION [The Detroit News [6/2/16](http://www.detroitnews.com/story/opinion/2016/06/02/stabenow-michigan-powers-arsenal-democracy/85263056/)]

A former employee of Fred Upton wrote an opinion piece on the necessity of Michigan’s defense industry to the United States, and she cites that the information used to write this article is from her time working for Upton.

Michigan is known as an international leader in manufacturing automobiles and in the production of livestock and crops. One of the lesser known pillars in the Michigan economy is the defense industry, which supports over 105,000 jobs in the states and is worth $9 billion.

This opinion article was written by a former employee of Upton’s. The author cites that during World War II the Michigan defense industry powered the Arsenal of Democracy. She also cites that the first U.S. Patent satellite office was opened in Detroit and that the state is number one in employment of industrial and mechanical engineers. The author continues to describe how the landscape of the state has been conducive to allowing different types of military sites and training programs to be located in the state. TACOM and TARDEC are headquartered in the Detroit Arsenal. Battle Creek, who is in charge of protecting our country against cyberterrorists is located within the state as well.

The author of the article states that the purpose of this article was to demonstrate to the Department of Defense that Michigan and its bases are a vital part of this nation’s defense program. This vitality should be considered when discussing base closures.

National News

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Congressman Kevin Brady, Chairman for House Ways and Means Committee, and Congressman Fred Upton, Chairman for the House Energy and Commerce Committee, criticized the department for taking over a year to respond to their requests.

The Congressmen argued that the Department has not asserted legal privilege that allows them to withhold information from Congress. They continued by stating that they don’t believe that there are not other documents that are responsive to the request.

The GOP lawmakers issued a subpoena in May in an attempt to look at the legality of the Obama Administration funding Obamacare without Congressional approval. Upton and Brady began the investigation in 2015, but the administration has snubbed their requests and refused to answer their questions.

The Basic Health Plan is a program designed to provide low-income residents within states with health care. The agency secretary is obligated to provide the information requested under current law.

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Fred Upton, Chairman for the House Energy and Commerce Committee, wrote a letter criticizing a privacy proposal from the Federal Communications Commission to police internet service providers. The letter was cosigned by Congressman Burgess and Walden. Upton claims that the “inconsistencies in the proposed rules undermine the public’s expectation of a seamless and contextually relevant online experience.”

The FCC passed a proposal in March that if finalized would allow the agency to police the privacy practices of internet service providers. Republicans and lobbyists have criticized the proposal because in the past the Federal Trade Commission has handled privacy issues in the internet sector.

The FCC plans to police the privacy behavior of internet service providers, while the FTC will handle any wrongdoings from internet companies. Upton, Burgess, and Walden believe that this will create public confusion and “distort the marketplace.”

From The Campaigns

NH-01 Guinta

Local News

Dan Tuohy’s Granite Status: Guinta files for re-election without making an appearance [Union Leader [6/1/16](http://www.unionleader.com/Dan-Tuohys-Granite-Status-Guinta-files-for-re-election-without-making-an-appearance)]

Guinta has filed for reelection in New Hampshire, and will continue his campaign even though state republicans have asked him not to run again.

When Congressman Frank Guinta filed for his re-election campaign, but had one of his aide’s drop of the candidacy forms at the Secretary of State’s office. The campaign cited a scheduling conflict for Guinta’s absence who was speaking at the New Hampshire Aerospace Defense Conference. Sen. Kelly Ayotte was also present at this Conference.

The campaign said that they wanted to be the first to file for the race “to highlight his drive to continue his work on behalf of the Granite Staters.”The Congressman has been urged to not run again by state republicans following a campaign finance scandal last year. His GOP opponent, Rich Ashooh, will be filing his declaration of candidacy on Friday just ahead of his campaign kick off.

The Union Leader located some of the records surrounding the campaign financial scandal. Guinta’s attorney had requested in an email that the campaign wait until after the election to re submit anything to the investigation. Other documents that were recovered showcased that the investigation was full of delays.

Guinta lost the 2012 election because of the investigation. His parents received a “letter of caution” from the FEC for their violation of campaign finance laws. Guinta claims that he didn’t hear from the FEC for two years after the 2012 election. This is contradicting to the physical evidence from the FEC that shows correspondence between Guinta and the FEC in 2013 and 2014.

The FEC concluded their investigation a year ago that he had broken federal finance laws, and settled the case by fining Guinta $15,000 and requiring him to pay back the $355,000 in loans from his parents.

The New Hampshire primary will be on September 13.

Meet and Greet for Carol Shea-Porter is Sunday at the Notchland Inn [Conway Daily Sun [6/1/16](http://www.conwaydailysun.com/newsx/local-news/126328-meet-and-greet-for-carol-shea-porter-is-sunday-at-the-notchland-inn) ]

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The Conway Daily Sun reported that Carol Shea-Porter, a democratic candidate, will be having a meet and greet at the Notchland Inn in Hart’s Location on Sunday. She has previously represented the district from 2007-2011 and from 2013-2015. The owner of the inn has stated that he will be supporting her and will “work as hard as I can to make sure she’s elected.” He continued to praise her character by calling her “down to earth.”

Shea-Porter was first elected in 2006, but was defeated in 2010 by Frank Guinta. She reclaimed her seat in 2012, but lost it again in 2014. She announced last July that she would run for the seat again. The filing period for county, state, and national office begins this Wednesday and continues on till June 10.

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New Jersey.com has reported that many of the candidates in the New Jersey primaries have not raised much money. Candidates are required to report to the FEC when they have raised at least $5,000. The reporter cites that a New Jersey incumbent has become vulnerable after his opponent out fundraised him.

In the 3rd district Jim Keady has brought in around $45, 181 to his campaign including a 14,000 loan. Keady was previously told by Gov. Chris Christie to “sit down and shut up” after complaining about the pace of recovery folling Hurricane Sandy. The other democratic candidate, Fred LaVergne, raised $600 through March 31st. The incumbent in the district, Tom MacArthur, has raised $1.1 million for his campaign.

Judge says it’s too late to change Ocean County ballot [ The Inquirer Daily News [6/2/16](http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/20160602_Judge_says_it_s_too_late_to_change_Ocean_County_ballot.html)]

A federal judge dismissed a motion that alleged democratic superdelegates had unfairly skewed the endorsements ahead of the primary next week. The two candidates who filed the complaint had hoped to knock Jim Keady and others off the ballot.

U.S. District Judge Freda L. Wolfson rejected the motion for an injunction on Thursday. She said that the plaintiffs waited too long to come to court. The judge continued to state that the absentee ballots had already been mailed out and the electronic ballot machines have already been delivered to their locations. She continued by saying that the “eleventh-hour filing” had deprived her of “sufficient time to make an informed and reasoned decision.”

The motion was filed on May 11 by Scott Neuman, Tracy Caprioni, supporters of Frederick J. LaVergne, and by a few delegates who stated that their votes were “diluted by the superdelegates.”

LaVergne has received the endorsement of the Burlington County Democratic Committee, but failed to get Ocean County’s endorsement. He is listed as an interested party in the complaint. He cites that Keady failed to file his resume with the party by the deadline. Richard Luzzi, the lawyer for the plaintiffs, said that he would discuss a possible appeal.

National News

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NJ-02 LoBiondo

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National News

U.S. lawmakers oppose Caesar’s casino [Reuters 6/1/2016]

Congress has urged the Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew to deny Caesars Entertainment Corp a favorable tax ruling related to a trust that the company wants to establish for its hotels and resorts. They believe that doing so would create a taxpayer subsidy. Lawmakers believe that the plan to reorganize their bankrupt main operating unit into a trust would abuse the original intent of the unit.

Caesars put their main unit into bankruptcy last year. Their creditors are owed $18 billion. The trust would be more favorable for investors. The company applied for a private letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service to confirm that the REIT (real estate investment trust) would be a tax-free separation. The company believes that if it doesn’t receive tax-free status that it will undermine the value of reorganization.

Congress attempted to curb REITs last year, but Caesars was exempt because it has already applied for a ruling from the IRS. Caesars is controlled by Apollo Global Management and TPG Capital. The pair have been in legal battles with the hedge fund creditors over the bankruptcy filing last year.

The letter from Congress was signed by 14 Democrats and one Republican, Rep. Frank LoBiondo.

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A Virginia radio station has stated that Virginia’s 10th district is one of the most competitive races in the state by citing the DCCC’s efforts to sway the district towards the Democratic candidate.

The DCCC has stated that VA 10 is one of the 15 districts across the United States that it will be focusing their time, attention, and money on this year. The freshman congresswoman, Republican Barbara Comstock, is seen as vulnerable this election cycle.

Quentin Kidd at Christopher Newport University believes that the district is becoming more competitive as the population in Northern Virginia shifts out to the exurbs. Loudoun County has increased by 8,000 people in the last year, and has become the fastest growing county in Virginia. The DCCC has focused its efforts on independent and Republican women. Kidd continues by stating that Trump has affected every Republican candidate.

Comstock has yet to endorse Trump. She previously endorsed Marco Rubio during Super Tuesday.

National News

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