

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report (RSA 15-B)



Type or Print all Information Clearly:

Name: Jeb Bradley Work Phone No. 271-2609

Work Address: 107 N. Main St. Concord, NH 03301

Office/Appointment/Employment held: Senator

List the full name, post office address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of the source of any reportable honorarium or expense reimbursement. When the source is a corporation or other entity, the name and work address of the person representing the corporation or entity in making the honorarium or expense reimbursement must be provided in addition to the name of the corporation or entity.

Source of Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement:

Name of source: _____

Post Office Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Principal Place of Business: _____

If source is a Corporation or other Entity:

Name of Corporation or Entity: RLCC

Name of Corporate/Entity Representative: Morgan Cunningham - events coordinator

Work Address of Representative: 1201 F St. NW, Ste 675, Washington DC 20004

Food and/or beverages consumed pursuant to RSA 15-B:6, II with value over \$25.00 [x] estimated \$407

Value of Honorarium: _____ Date Received: _____ If exact value is unknown, provide an estimate of the value of the gift or honorarium and identify the value as an estimate. [] Exact [] Estimate

Value of Expense Reimbursement: \$1237.59 Date Received: 7/29/15 A copy of the agenda or an equivalent document must be attached to this filing. [x] Exact [] Estimate 7/30/15

Briefly describe the service or event this Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement relates to:

Participated in roundtable discussions on policy

"I have read RSA 15-B and hereby swear or affirm that the foregoing information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief"

Signature of Filer: [Handwritten Signature]

Date Filed: 10/16/15

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RSA 15-B:9 Penalty. Any person who knowingly fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter or knowingly provides false information shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Return to: Secretary of State's Office, State House Room 204, Concord, NH 03301

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Exact cost for hotel room and valet parking: \$1,237.59

Estimated food cost: \$407

From our records President Morse did not participate in golf or the brew tour

Morgan Cunningham

Events Coordinator

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State of New Hampshire

GENERAL COURT

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

State House - Room 112
Concord, NH 03301-4951

September 23, 2015

Richard J. Lehmann, Esq.
Senate Legal Counsel
State House Room, 302
107 North Main Street
Concord, N.H. 03301-4951

Re: Advisory Opinion 2015-3

Dear Attorney Lehmann,

In response to your request please find enclosed Advisory Opinion 2015-3, which has been issued by the Legislative Ethics Committee.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Committee's Executive Administrator, Richard Lambert. We thank you for your inquiry, and are glad to have been of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Sytek".

Honorable Donna Sytek
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Chuck W. Morse, President of the Senate
Honorable Shawn N. Jasper, Speaker of the House
Honorable Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader
Honorable Stephen J. Shurtleff, House Minority Leader
Kristy Merrill, Senate Chief of Staff
Terence R. Pfaff, House Chief of Staff
Charles G. Douglas, III, House Legal Counsel
Members of the Legislative Ethics Committee

Advisory Opinion 2015-3
Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion
from Senate Legal Counsel Richard J. Lehmann
on Behalf of Senator Chuck W. Morse and Senator Jeb Bradley

Senate Legal Counsel Richard J. Lehmann has submitted a request for an Advisory Opinion on behalf of Senate President Chuck W. Morse and Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley about whether, consistent with applicable statutes and the Ethics Guidelines, the Senators may accept payment for the costs of lodging and meals related to attendance at a conference sponsored by the Republican Legislative Campaign Committee ("RLCC").

According to the information submitted by Attorney Lehmann, the Senators attended the conference in Boston, MA for two days and two nights, and participated in briefings with elected officials from other states, policy roundtables, and various receptions. The policy roundtables and briefings featured such topics as U.S. energy policy, private market solutions to modernize Medicaid, and cybersecurity.

Based on the information provided by Attorney Lehmann about the conference's purpose and activities, the event, as described, qualifies as a *bona fide* conference, meeting, seminar or educational program. See Interpretive Ruling 2013-1.

Accordingly, the Committee advises that acceptance of payment by the RLCC for expenses associated with attendance at the conference qualifies for the exemption from the prohibition on "Gifts" under RSA 15-B:3, as "Expense Reimbursement" under RSA 15-B:5.

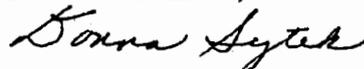
The Senators must report their acceptance of the complimentary lodging and meals in accordance with RSA 15-B:6.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

September 21, 2015

Donna Sytek, Chairman
Senator Sharon M. Carson, Vice Chairman
Representative Janet G. Wall
Senator Martha Fuller Clark
Representative David A. Welch
Honorable John A. Graham
Attorney David H. Bradley

For the Committee,



Honorable Donna Sytek
Chairman

[Vote: 7-0]



The Senate of the State of New Hampshire

107 North Main Street, Concord, N.H. 03301-4951

August 21, 2015

Donna Sytek, Chair
Legislative Ethics Committee
State House Room 112
107 North Main Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Chairwoman Sytek:

This is a request for an advisory opinion on behalf of Senate President Morse and Senate Majority Leader Bradley. Both Senators attended a conference sponsored by the Republican Legislative Campaign Committee ("RLCC") in Boston, Massachusetts. The Senators both attended the conference for two days and two nights. A copy of the agenda for the conference is attached. Neither of the senators played golf or participated in the brewery tour. Both senators participated in briefings with other elected officials, policy roundtables, and various receptions. The RLCC has offered to pay for the attendance of both senators at the event and the senators are both prepared to pay the costs associated with their attendance if it would be improper to allow RLCC to pay those costs. The expense reimbursement would cover the costs of overnight hotel accommodations and meals.

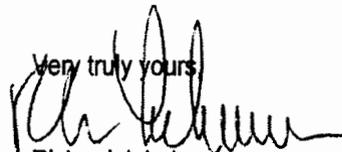
It appears that the costs of attendance can, consistent with New Hampshire law and the legislative ethics rules, be paid for by the RLCC as an expense reimbursement pursuant to RSA 15-B:5. The Committee recently advised Senator Bradley in Advisory Opinion 2015-2, as follows:

[L]egislators may accept payment for the cost of travel to and attendance at an event if the payment qualifies as an "expense reimbursement." This exemption does not require payment directly to the legislator, or that the expenses be prepaid by the legislator. It is also available for costs that are waived, forgiven, reduced, or prepaid by a third party, and can include the costs of attendance, registration, travel, meals or lodging. The exemption applies only where there is a *bona fide* conference, meeting, seminar, or educational or information program that relates to the legislator's duties. As we have held, the event must offer, as a genuine and central element, organized learning about subjects that are or may become the focus of legislative activity in New Hampshire.

Based on my review of the agenda and other information about this conference, it appears that this event was a *bona fide* conference that had organized learning about policy issues as a central element of the program. While it is my view that this conference falls within the scope of RSA 15-B:5, Senate President Morse and Senator Bradley have asked me to submit this question to you for a formal opinion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Richard J. Lehmann
Senate Legal Counsel

cc: Richard Lambert, Executive Administrator, Legislative Ethics Committee



**REPUBLICAN LEGISLATIVE
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE**

National Meeting

July 29-31, 2015
The InterContinental, Boston, MA

Agenda

Wednesday, July 29

Overnight

- 2:00pm-5:00pm** Club 100 Member, Sponsor & Elected Official Registration
- 5:30pm-6:15pm** Legislators Reception *(Elected Officials only)*
- 6:15pm-7:00pm** Club 100 & Sponsor Reception
(Open to Club 100 Members, all National Meeting Sponsors, & Elected Officials)
- 7:30pm-9:00pm** Club 100 Dinner
(Open to Club 100 Members & RLCC Executive Committee Members)

Thursday, July 30

~~to~~ *Overnight*

- 8:00am-10:00am** Breakfast Buffet & Business Meeting *(Elected Officials only)*
- 9:30am-6:00pm** General Registration
- 10:00am-12:00pm** Private Briefings with Elected Officials
(Private Briefing opportunities are available to Capital Club & Club 100 Members)
- 12:15pm-1:30pm** Future Majority Project Luncheon
(Open to Club 100 Members, FMP Members, & Elected Officials)
- 1:45pm-4:45pm** Private Briefings with Elected Officials
(Private Briefing opportunities are available to Capital Club & Club 100 Members)
- 5:15pm-6:00pm** New Member & Sponsor Reception
(Open to Club 100 Members, New Members, all National Meeting Sponsors, & Elected Officials)
- 6:00pm-7:00pm** Welcome Reception *(Open to all attendees)*
- 7:30pm-9:00pm** Member & Sponsor Appreciation Dinner
(Open to Club 100, Capital Club, & Cloak Room Members, all National Meeting Sponsors, & Elected Officials)
- 9:00pm** After-Hours Reception *(Open to all attendees)*

Friday, July 31

No Overnight

- 8:00am-9:30am** Political Update Breakfast *(Open to all attendees)*
- 9:45am-10:30am** Policy Roundtables I & II *sponsored by SGLF (Open to all attendees)*
- 10:45am-11:30am** Policy Roundtables III & IV *sponsored by SGLF (Open to all attendees)*
- 11:30am-1:00pm** Luncheon *(Open to all attendees)*
- 11:45am-6:15pm** Golf Outing at Indian Pond Country Club *(All attendees are welcome to register for golf)*
Note: Shuttles depart for the course at 11:45am, Shotgun start is at 1:15pm; 19th Hole Reception to follow
- 8:00pm-11:00pm** New England Clambake Closing & After-Hours Reception *(Open to all attendees)*

For further details, please contact Lindsey Santamaria, RSLC Events Coordinator (202) 448-8791 | LSantamaria@rslc.gov



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Attending Elected Officials

HOSTED BY:

Massachusetts

Senate Republican Leader Bruce Tarr
House Republican Leader Bradley Jones
Assistant House Republican Leader Brad Hill
Second Assistant House Republican Leader Betty Poirier
Representative Jay Barrows

Alabama

Speaker of the House Mike Hubbard

Arkansas

Assistant Senate President Pro Tempore Eddie Joe Williams

Arizona

Senate Majority Whip Gail Griffin
Speaker of the House David Gowan

California

Senate Republican Leader Jean Fuller

Colorado

Senate President Bill Cadman*
House Republican Leader Brian DelGrosso

Delaware

House Republican Whip Deborah Hudson

Florida

Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto*
Speaker of the House Steve Crisafulli*

Hawaii

House Republican Leader Beth Fukumoto Chang
House Republican Whip Lauren Matsumoto

Idaho

Speaker of the House Scott Bedke

Indiana

Speaker of the House Brian Bosma*

Iowa

Speaker of the House Kraig Paulsen*
Senate Republican Leader Bill Dix
House Majority Leader Linda Upmeyer

Kentucky

Senate President Robert Stivers*

***Indicates RLCC Executive Committee Member | Listing as of June 15, 2015**

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Maine	Senate President Mike Thibodeau Senate Majority Leader Garrett Mason
Maryland	House Republican Leader Nic Kipke House Republican Whip Kathy Szeliga
Michigan	Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof House Majority Floor Leader Aric Nesbitt*
Minnesota	Senate Republican Leader David Hann Speaker of the House Kurt Daudt*
Mississippi	Speaker of the House Phil Gunn
Montana	Senate President Debby Barrett
Nevada	Senate Majority Leader Michael Roberson* House Majority Leader Paul Anderson
New Jersey	Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean*
New Mexico	House Majority Leader Nate Gentry* House Majority Whip Alonzo Baldonado
North Carolina	Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger* Speaker of the House Tim Moore
North Dakota	House Majority Leader Al Carlson
Ohio	House Majority Floor Leader Barbara Sears*
Oklahoma	Senate President Pro Tem Brian Bingman*
Oregon	Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli* House Republican Leader Michael McLane Representative Jodi Hack

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Puerto Rico	House Republican Leader Jenniffer González Colon
Rhode Island	House Deputy Republican Leader Patricia Morgan
Tennessee	Senate Majority Caucus Chairman Bill Ketron
Texas	Speaker of the House Joe Straus*
Vermont	House Republican Leader Don Turner
Virginia	Senate Majority Leader Tommy Norment Speaker of the House Bill Howell* House Majority Leader Kirk Cox
Washington	Senate Majority Leader Mark Schoesler* House Republican Leader Dan Kristiansen
West Virginia	House Finance Committee Chairman Eric Nelson
Wisconsin	Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald*

RSVPs forthcoming from State Legislative Leaders from all 50 states
For additional details, please contact Lindsey Santamaria, RSLC Events Coordinator
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