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Stink bugs bring to mind Free State invaders of New Hampshire's politics

May 6 – To the Editor:

A recent article on the harmless stink bugs that settle into our houses brought to mind more troublesome uninvited guests. Similar to stink bugs, they don't bite humans these pests don't stick their proboscis into fruits and vegetables, they've come from far and wide to stick their noses into our politics.

Yes, these are the Free Staters who move to NH run for office in towns such as Croydon where they wreaked havoc on the school budget. At the state level they occupy many seats in the House of Representatives where they're not just keeping warm over the winter, they're feeding on our government.

Unlike stink bugs who may have hitched a ride on cargo from Asia and have spread throughout the U.S. following nature's course, Free Staters viewed NH as low hanging fruit for their Libertarian Utopia. The idea being to recruit 20,000 like minded people to move to one state where they could have greater impact on politics and policies. This was the brainchild of Jason Sorens who accompanied our galivanting Governor on a visit to the CATO Institute in January of this year.

Why were we chosen? We have a 400 member House of Representatives which very few pay attention to. Go ahead, ask your neighbors, coworkers to name the people who represent them in Concord. They may know who is in Congress but at the state level where things get done to and for them, not so much. The same is true at the town level, unless there's a big controversy, nobody knows or cares what's going on.

How can this be? We have the First in the Nation Presidential Primary because we're involved and engaged in politics. Well, that's only every four years but the local stuff is every day and has tangible effects on issues of interest. Focus some attention here instead of FOX/MSNBC, read a local newspaper, read Garry Rayno's Distant Dome column on the State House. Get involved in your town and state because that's where you live and what you don't know can hurt you.

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