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Bipartisanship key to Telegraph endorsements

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(excerpts)

Starting Monday, The Telegraph will begin to roll out its endorsements for federal and state offices in anticipation of the Nov. 6 election.

...this year we injected one other critical factor into the equation: Do we believe this person can work with members of the opposing party toward bipartisan solutions to the nation's problems, or is this person an inflexible ideologue unwilling to compromise for the common good?

...Meanwhile, in Concord, a heavy-handed House speaker presiding over a 3-1 Republican majority resulted in a dysfunctional Legislature that made national headlines on numerous occasions – all for the wrong reasons and to the state's collective embarrassment.

Speaking of the Legislature, we urge New Hampshire voters to follow our lead and give serious consideration next week to those candidates who have demonstrated or expressed a willingness to work with the other party.

People such as Rep. David Campbell, D-Nashua, an announced candidate for Democratic leader next year, who has built a solid reputation of being able to work with the other side during his 12 years in Concord.

Or Rep. Shawn Jasper, R- Hudson, the deputy majority leader, who bucked House Speaker William O'Brien from time to time, which led to him getting bounced off the House Election Law Committee.

Or Rep. Mary Gorman, D-Nashua, a member of the House Education Committee who, like Campbell, has a history of working with Republicans during her seven terms in office.

Remember: We don't endorse candidates to tell you how to vote; that is a personal decision to be made in the privacy of the polling booth.

We endorse candidates for the same reason we publish editorials the rest of the year – to share our insight on the important issues of the day as an engaged member of the community.

If it helps you to come to a decision – one way or the other – then all the better.