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New Hampshire voters happy with Gregg choice, transition

Raleigh, N.C. – New Hampshire voters are happy that Judd Gregg is becoming Secretary of Commerce, and happy with how John Lynch handled replacing him, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

67% of respondents expressed approval of Gregg's new position. Interestingly many more Democrats, 71%, support his appointment than Republicans, 62%, do.

A similar trend exists with how voters think John Lynch handled himself in appointing Bonnie Newman to replace Gregg. Even though some national Democrats have grumbled that the Democratic Lynch didn't appoint someone in his own party to fill out Gregg's term, the poll found that actually slightly more Democrats, 65%, approve of his actions in this case than Republicans do, 62%. Lynch gets his highest level of support on this issue from independents, at 70%.

As to Bonnie Newman herself, 56% of voters haven't formed an opinion about her yet while 32% have a favorable opinion and 12% have an unfavorable one.

"Taking all of this information together, it looks like Democrats are happy that they're going to have a chance to win this seat in 2010," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "While a majority of Republicans are supportive of how Gregg and Lynch have handled the whole thing, it seems like there is a constituency within the party that wishes he would have stayed put and not turned this into an open seat situation."

The survey also found that 50% of New Hampshire voters support the economic stimulus package with 40% opposed. Public opinion falls largely on party lines.

PPP surveyed 1,326 New Hampshire voters from February 6th to 8th. The survey's margin of error is +/-2.7%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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New Hampshire Survey Results

Q1 Do you support or oppose President Obama's proposed stimulus package? If you support it, press 1. If you oppose it, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3

Support 50%
Oppose 40%
Not Sure..... 10%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of how Governor John Lynch handled the appointment of Judd Gregg's replacement in the US Senate? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approval..... 66%
Disapproval..... 18%
Not Sure..... 16%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Senator designate Bonnie Newman? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable 32% *Not Sure*..... 56%
Unfavorable..... 12%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Judd Gregg becoming Secretary of Commerce? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 67%
Disapprove..... 21%
Not Sure..... 12%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 57%
Man..... 43%

Q6 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 35%
Republican..... 32%
Independent/Other..... 33%

Q7 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White 89%
African-American 2%
Other..... 9%

Q8 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 14%
30 to 45..... 25%
46 to 65..... 41%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Stimulus Support			
Support	50%	52%	46%
Oppose	40%	37%	45%
Not Sure	10%	11%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lynch/Gregg Approval			
Approval	66%	64%	68%
Disapproval	18%	16%	21%
Not Sure	16%	20%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
New man Favorability			
Favorable	32%	30%	34%
Unfavorable	12%	10%	15%
Not Sure	56%	60%	52%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Commerce Secretary Approval			
Approve	67%	68%	65%
Disapprove	21%	19%	24%
Not Sure	12%	12%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Stimulus Support				
Support	50%	83%	15%	48%
Oppose	40%	8%	76%	40%
Not Sure	10%	9%	10%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Lynch/Gregg Approval				
Approval	66%	65%	62%	70%
Disapproval	18%	19%	20%	16%
Not Sure	16%	16%	18%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Newman Favorability				
Favorable	32%	34%	33%	28%
Unfavorable	12%	12%	16%	8%
Not Sure	56%	55%	51%	64%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Commerce Secretary Approval				
Approve	67%	71%	62%	67%
Disapprove	21%	17%	27%	20%
Not Sure	12%	12%	11%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Stimulus Support				
Support	50%	50%	48%	49%
Oppose	40%	40%	31%	47%
Not Sure	10%	10%	21%	4%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Lynch/Gregg Approval				
Approval	66%	67%	62%	52%
Disapproval	18%	17%	12%	35%
Not Sure	16%	16%	26%	13%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Newman Favorability				
Favorable	32%	33%	9%	21%
Unfavorable	12%	10%	44%	22%
Not Sure	56%	56%	47%	57%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Commerce Secretary Approval				
Approve	67%	68%	69%	57%
Disapprove	21%	21%	3%	25%
Not Sure	12%	11%	29%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Stimulus Support					
Support	50%	64%	44%	50%	47%
Oppose	40%	22%	49%	41%	40%
Not Sure	10%	14%	7%	9%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lynch/Gregg Approval					
Approval	66%	67%	58%	67%	73%
Disapproval	18%	17%	22%	18%	16%
Not Sure	16%	17%	21%	15%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Newman Favorability					
Favorable	32%	23%	24%	34%	41%
Unfavorable	12%	23%	14%	11%	5%
Not Sure	56%	54%	62%	55%	54%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Commerce Secretary Approval					
Approve	67%	72%	63%	66%	69%
Disapprove	21%	19%	25%	22%	18%
Not Sure	12%	8%	12%	12%	13%

