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Hodes gets best marks of possible 2010 candidates

Raleigh, N.C. – A new survey of New Hampshire voters from Public Policy Polling finds that Democratic Congressman Paul Hodes is the strongest early Senate candidate for 2010, although the field of commonly discussed candidates is pretty evenly matched.

Hodes has the best net favorability of the quarter polled at 42/34. Former Republican Senator John Sununu and Democratic Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter each receive a +3 rating from state voters with the former at 46/43 and the latter at 43/40. Former Republican Congressman Charlie Bass gets the poorest reviews at 33/37.

Hodes leads hypothetical contests against Sununu 46-44 and against Bass 40-37. Shea-Porter narrowly trails each of her possible match ups, 46-45 to Sununu and 43-42 to Bass.

“The takeaway from this poll is there are no runaway favorites to win New Hampshire’s open Senate seat in 2010,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Paul Hodes does get the best marks of some of the more well known potential candidates but all of the hypothetical contests are within the margin of error.”

One interesting thing digging deeper into the poll numbers is that Shea-Porter actually gets better reviews among Democrats than Hodes does, with 74% of respondents in her party viewing her favorably compared to 70% for him. But his better marks among independents give him more favorable overall numbers.

A PPP survey released Tuesday showed that most New Hampshire voters had not yet formed an opinion of Bonnie Newman, but that they were happy with how John Lynch handled the vacancy created by Judd Gregg’s becoming Secretary of Commerce.

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 have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of former Republican Congressman Charlie Bass? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 33% *Not Sure*..... 30%
Unfavorable..... 37%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Congressman Paul Hodes? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....42% *Not Sure*.....24%
Unfavorable34%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....43% *Not Sure*.....17%
Unfavorable40%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of former Republican Senator John Sununu? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 46%
Unfavorable 43%
Not Sure..... 10%

Q5 If the candidates for Senate in 2010 were Republican Charlie Bass and Democrat Paul Hodes, who would you vote for? If Charlie Bass, press 1. If Paul Hodes, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Charlie Bass 37%
Paul Hodes 40%
Undecided..... 23%

Q6 If the candidates for Senate in 2010 were Republican Charlie Bass and Democrat Carol Shea-Porter, who would you vote for? If Charlie Bass, press 1. If Carol Shea-Porter, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Charlie Bass 43%
Carol Shea-Porter.....42%
Undecided..... 15%

Q7 If the candidates for Senate in 2010 were Democrat Paul Hodes and Republican John Sununu, who would you vote for? If Paul Hodes, press 1. If John Sununu, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Paul Hodes 46%
John Sununu.....44%
Undecided..... 10%

Q8 If the candidates for Senate in 2010 were Democrat Carol Shea-Porter and Republican John Sununu, who would you vote for? If Carol Shea-Porter, press 1. If John Sununu, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Carol Shea-Porter..... 45%
John Sununu.....46%
Undecided..... 9%

Q9 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman57%
Man.....43%

Q10 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%





Q11 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%

Q12 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
Bass Favorability			
Favorable	33%	31%	35%
Unfavorable	37%	36%	39%
Not Sure	30%	33%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hodes Favorability			
Favorable	42%	44%	38%
Unfavorable	34%	30%	39%
Not Sure	24%	26%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Shea-Porter Favorability			
Favorable	43%	48%	37%
Unfavorable	40%	34%	46%
Not Sure	17%	18%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Sununu Favorability			
Favorable	46%	42%	52%
Unfavorable	43%	47%	39%
Not Sure	10%	11%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bass/Hodes			
Charlie Bass	37%	34%	41%
Paul Hodes	40%	41%	38%
Undecided	23%	24%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Bass/Shea-Porter			
Charlie Bass	43%	39%	48%
Carol Shea-Porter	42%	46%	36%
Undecided	15%	15%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hodes/Sununu			
Paul Hodes	46%	50%	41%
John Sununu	44%	40%	49%
Undecided	10%	9%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Shea-Porter/Sununu			
Carol Shea-Porter	45%	50%	40%
John Sununu	46%	40%	53%
Undecided	9%	10%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bass Favorability				
Favorable	33%	17%	54%	29%
Unfavorable	37%	57%	17%	37%
Not Sure	30%	27%	29%	34%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hodes Favorability				
Favorable	42%	70%	13%	40%
Unfavorable	34%	9%	64%	32%
Not Sure	24%	21%	23%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Shea-Porter Favorability				
Favorable	43%	74%	15%	38%
Unfavorable	40%	11%	72%	38%
Not Sure	17%	15%	13%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Sununu Favorability				
Favorable	46%	20%	81%	41%
Unfavorable	43%	69%	15%	44%
Not Sure	10%	11%	5%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bass/Hodes				
Charlie Bass	37%	10%	72%	32%
Paul Hodes	40%	71%	10%	35%
Undecided	23%	19%	17%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Bass/Shea-Porter				
Charlie Bass	43%	12%	79%	41%
Carol Shea-Porter	42%	76%	9%	38%
Undecided	15%	12%	12%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hodes/Sununu				
Paul Hodes	46%	79%	14%	43%
John Sununu	44%	12%	82%	41%
Undecided	10%	9%	4%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Shea-Porter/Sununu				
Carol Shea-Porter	45%	80%	11%	41%
John Sununu	46%	11%	85%	44%
Undecided	9%	9%	4%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Bass Favorability				
Favorable	33%	32%	20%	41%
Unfavorable	37%	37%	62%	39%
Not Sure	30%	31%	18%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Hodes Favorability				
Favorable	42%	42%	35%	34%
Unfavorable	34%	34%	23%	40%
Not Sure	24%	24%	42%	26%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Shea-Porter Favorability				
Favorable	43%	43%	47%	42%
Unfavorable	40%	40%	50%	37%
Not Sure	17%	17%	3%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Sununu Favorability				
Favorable	46%	46%	47%	55%
Unfavorable	43%	45%	27%	34%
Not Sure	10%	10%	26%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Bass/Hodes				
Charlie Bass	37%	37%	9%	48%
Paul Hodes	40%	41%	35%	34%
Undecided	23%	23%	56%	18%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Bass/Shea-Porter				
Charlie Bass	43%	42%	11%	57%
Carol Shea-Porter	42%	43%	42%	30%
Undecided	15%	15%	47%	13%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Hodes/Sununu				
Paul Hodes	46%	47%	56%	39%
John Sununu	44%	44%	39%	48%
Undecided	10%	10%	5%	13%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Shea-Porter/Sununu				
Carol Shea-Porter	45%	47%	51%	30%
John Sununu	46%	45%	20%	61%
Undecided	9%	9%	28%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bass Favorability					
Favorable	33%	19%	35%	33%	37%
Unfavorable	37%	47%	37%	38%	30%
Not Sure	30%	33%	27%	29%	33%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hodes Favorability					
Favorable	42%	51%	39%	41%	40%
Unfavorable	34%	14%	41%	36%	36%
Not Sure	24%	34%	20%	24%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Shea-Porter Favorability					
Favorable	43%	58%	42%	41%	40%
Unfavorable	40%	25%	46%	42%	37%
Not Sure	17%	17%	12%	18%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Sununu Favorability					
Favorable	46%	36%	49%	46%	50%
Unfavorable	43%	42%	43%	45%	41%
Not Sure	10%	22%	8%	8%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bass/Hodes					
Charlie Bass	37%	20%	39%	39%	42%
Paul Hodes	40%	49%	39%	40%	36%
Undecided	23%	31%	22%	21%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Bass/Shea-Porter					
Charlie Bass	43%	33%	47%	43%	44%
Carol Shea-Porter	42%	50%	39%	43%	39%
Undecided	15%	17%	14%	14%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hodes/Sununu					
Paul Hodes	46%	61%	43%	45%	43%
John Sununu	44%	28%	47%	45%	48%
Undecided	10%	11%	10%	10%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Shea-Porter/Sununu					
Carol Shea-Porter	45%	50%	44%	45%	44%
John Sununu	46%	33%	50%	46%	48%
Undecided	9%	17%	6%	9%	8%

