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FIRST CD GOP RACE WIDE OPEN

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DURHAM, NH -- The race for the Republican nomination for Congress from New Hampshire's First District is wide open with none of the eight candidates able to pull away from the field. The favorites in the other Congressional primary races are winning easily.

These findings are based on the latest **WMUR Poll**, conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center for WMUR-TV, Manchester, NH. Five hundred ninety-one (591) likely primary voters were interviewed between August 26 and September 3, 2002 (margin of sampling error, +/-4 percent). Included in this sample were 344 likely GOP primary voters (margin of sampling error, +/-5 percent), and 247 likely Democratic primary voters (margin of sampling error, +/-6 percent).

GOP PRIMARY - FIRST CD

In the race to replace John Sununu from New Hampshire's First Congressional District, eight relatively unknown candidates are vying for the right to face Martha Fuller Clark in the November election. However the media attention, and big dollars, of the candidates for U.S. Senate and New Hampshire Governor have overshadowed this important race. Currently, Jeb Bradley, State Senator from Wolfeboro holds a slight lead with 17 percent of the vote, followed by John Stephen with 15 percent, Sean Mahoney with 9 percent, Wayne Barrows with 3 percent, and Vivian Clark with 3 percent. Fran Wendleboe, Gary Scott Hoffman, and Bob Bevill all received less than 3 percent of the vote. An amazingly high 47 percent of likely GOP primary voters say they are still undecided.

Because of the high percentage of undecided voters, the WMUR / Union Leader debate this week should play an important part in determining the outcome of this race.

GOP PRIMARY - SECOND CD

Four-term Republican incumbent, Charlie Bass looks to easily win his primary challenge from long-shot Gene Douglas. Bass currently is supported by 81 percent of likely Republican primary voters, Douglas is favored by 3 percent, 1 percent favor some other candidate, and 15 percent are undecided. Bass has already looked past the primary to his November tilt with Katrina Swett, his likely Democratic challenger.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY - FIRST CD

Although she has had her sights on the November 2002 election for sometime, Democrat Martha Fuller Clark does face a primary challenge in New Hampshire's 1st Congressional District from Sean Patrick Dean. Clark should have no difficulty holding off Dean as she currently leads 70 percent to 6 percent for Dean. Three percent of likely Democratic

primary voters favor some other candidate, and 21 percent remain undecided. Clark will face off in November against the eventual Republican nominee in what promises to be a close, hard fought election.

Democratic Primary - Second CD

In the 2nd District, newcomer Katrina Swett, wife of former 2nd District Congressman Dick Swett, holds a comfortable lead over Norman Jackman, a lawyer from Lincoln, 56 percent to 21 percent with 22 percent still undecided. Jackman ran for the Democratic nomination in 2000, losing to Barney Brannen. Swett now faces the difficult challenge of upsetting incumbent Charlie Bass in November.

NH 1st CD Primary Election - Likely GOP Primary Voters

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| Bradley | 17% |
| Stephen | 15 |
| Mahoney | 9 |
| Barrows | 3 |
| Clark | 3 |
| Wendelboe | 1 |
| Hoffman | * |
| Bevill | * |
| Other | 4 |
| Undecided | 47 |

(N=145)

NH 2nd CD Primary Election - Likely GOP Primary Voters

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|-----------|-----|
| Bass | 81% |
| Douglas | 3 |
| Other | 1 |
| Undecided | 15 |

(N=186)

NH 1st CD Primary Election - Likely Democratic Primary Voters

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|-----------|-----|
| Clark | 70% |
| Dean | 6 |
| Other | 3 |
| Undecided | 21 |

(N=108)

NH 2nd CD Primary Election - Likely Democratic Primary Voters

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|-----------|-----|
| Swett | 56% |
| Jackman | 21 |
| Other | 1 |
| Undecided | 22 |

(N=131)

WMUR Poll Methodology

These findings are based on the most recent WMUR Poll conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center from August 26 to September 3, 2002. A random sample of 591 New Hampshire likely September primary voters was interviewed by telephone. In 95 of 100 cases, the statewide estimates will be accurate to +/- 4 percent. Results reported for other subgroups have potential for somewhat larger variation than those for the entire population. The margin of sampling error for likely 1st CD GOP primary voters (N=145) is +/-8 percent, the margin of sampling error for likely 2nd GOP primary voters (N=186) is +/-7 percent, the margin of sampling error for likely 1st CD Democratic primary voters (N=108) is +/-9 percent, the margin of sampling error for likely 2nd Democratic primary voters (N=131) is +/-9 percent.

The data have been weighted to adjust for numbers of adults and telephone lines within households, sex of the respondent, region of the state, and likelihood of voting in the September 10 NH Primary Election. In addition to potential sampling error, all surveys have other potential sources of non-sampling error including question order effects, question wording effects, and non-response.

Respondents to the Granite State Poll were asked:

- ASK GOP IN 1ST CD ONLY "Now, I'm going to read you the names of the candidates who are on the Republican primary ballot for U.S. Congress from the First District. If you were voting in the Republican primary for U.S. Congress today, would you vote for ... Wayne Barrows ... Bob Bevill ... Jeb Bradley ... Vivian Clark... Gary Scott Hoffman ... Sean Mahoney ... John Stephen ... or Fran Wendelboe?" ROTATE CANDIDATES
- ASK GOP IN 2ND CD ONLY "Now, I'm going to read you the names of the candidates who are on the Republican primary ballot for U.S. Congress from the Second District. If you were voting in the Republican primary for U.S. Congress today, would you vote for ... Charlie Bass or Eugene Douglas?" ROTATE CANDIDATES
- ASK DEMS IN 1ST CD ONLY "Now, I'm going to read you the names of the candidates who are on the Democratic primary ballot for U.S. Congress from the First District. If you were voting in the Democratic primary for U.S. Congress today, would you vote for ... Martha Fuller Clark or Sean Patrick Dean?" IF DK/UNDECIDED: "Do you lean toward Dean or Clark?"
- ASK DEMS IN 2ND CD ONLY "Now, I'm going to read you the names of the candidates who are on the Democratic primary ballot for U.S. Congress from the Second District. If you were voting in the Democratic primary for U.S. Congress today, would you vote for ... Norman Jackman or Katrina Swett?"

Republican 1st Congressional District Primary

| STATEWIDE | <u>Barrows</u> 3% | <u>Bradley</u> 17% | <u>Clark</u> 3% | <u>Hoff-</u> <u>man</u> 0% | <u>Mahoney</u> 9% | <u>Stephen</u> 15% | <u>Wendel-</u> <u>boe</u> 1% | <u>Other</u> 4% | <u>DK</u> 47% | <u>(N=)</u> 145 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Undeclared | 1 | 17 | 7 | 2 | 17 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 48 | 38 |
| Registered GOP | 4 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 17 | 1 | 5 | 47 | 108 |
| Conservative GOP | 4 | 23 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 41 | 69 |
| Moderate GOP | 3 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 57 | 50 |
| Swing Voter | 1 | 11 | 13 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 18 |
| Extremely interested | 2 | 35 | 4 | 0 | 13 | 15 | 0 | 10 | 22 | 37 |
| Very interested | 6 | 13 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 16 | 1 | 3 | 53 | 70 |
| Somewhat interested | 1 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 60 | 37 |
| Will vote unless emergency | 2 | 18 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 54 | 24 |
| Will definitely vote | 4 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 45 | 120 |
| Northern NH | 0 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 14 |
| Central/Lakes | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 52 | 17 |
| Hillsborough County | 6 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 25 | 0 | 5 | 53 | 43 |
| Seacoast | 3 | 21 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 49 | 71 |
| 18 to 29 | 0 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 58 | 36 |
| 30 to 45 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 45 |
| 46 to 64 | 15 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 40 | 23 |
| 65 and over | 4 | 19 | 8 | 0 | 15 | 26 | 2 | 0 | 26 | 33 |
| 5 years or less in NH | 0 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 18 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 60 | 13 |
| 6 to 10 years | 0 | 19 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 12 | 48 | 19 |
| 11 to 20 years | 1 | 27 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 22 |
| More than 20 years | 5 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 42 | 86 |
| Male | 4 | 25 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 78 |
| Female | 2 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 1 | 9 | 46 | 67 |
| High school or less | 4 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 46 | 30 |
| Some college | 1 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 14 | 1 | 9 | 45 | 41 |
| College graduate | 6 | 21 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 44 |
| Post-graduate | 3 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 20 | 2 | 0 | 55 | 27 |

Republican 2nd Congressional District Primary

| STATEWIDE | <u>Bass</u> 81% | <u>Douglas</u> 3% | <u>Other</u> 1% | <u>Undecided</u> 15% | <u>(N=)</u> 186 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Undeclared | 72 | 6 | 1 | 22 | 64 |
| Registered Republican | 85 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 121 |
| Conservative GOP | 88 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 85 |
| Moderate GOP | 75 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 61 |
| Swing Voter | 74 | 8 | 0 | 18 | 28 |
| Extremely interested in Primary | 75 | 5 | 0 | 20 | 43 |
| Very interested | 84 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 83 |
| Somewhat interested | 79 | 5 | 0 | 16 | 57 |
| Will vote unless emergency | 72 | 4 | 1 | 23 | 32 |
| Will definitely vote | 83 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 152 |
| Northern NH | 66 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 37 |
| Western NH | 80 | 7 | 1 | 12 | 32 |
| Central/Lakes | 84 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 49 |
| Hillsborough County | 91 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 50 |
| Seacoast | 74 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 17 |
| 18 to 29 | 73 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 32 |
| 30 to 45 | 76 | 8 | 3 | 12 | 57 |
| 46 to 64 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 32 |
| 65 and over | 82 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 60 |
| 5 years or less in NH | 68 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 13 |
| 6 to 10 years | 64 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 12 |
| 11 to 20 years | 79 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 49 |
| More than 20 years | 84 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 107 |
| Male | 91 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 112 |
| Female | 65 | 8 | 3 | 24 | 74 |
| High school or less | 71 | 5 | 1 | 23 | 45 |
| Some college | 82 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 50 |
| College graduate | 85 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 69 |
| Post-graduate | 86 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 20 |

Democratic 1st Congressional District Primary

| STATEWIDE | <u>Clark</u> 70% | <u>Dean</u> 6% | <u>Other</u> 3% | <u>Undecided</u> 21% | <u>(N=)</u> 108 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Registered Democrat | 73 | 5 | 4 | 17 | 81 |
| Undeclared | 59 | 7 | 0 | 35 | 26 |
| Swing Voter | 61 | 6 | 10 | 23 | 26 |
| Moderate DEM | 64 | 3 | 3 | 30 | 30 |
| Liberal DEM | 84 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 44 |
| Extremely interested in Primary | 95 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| Very interested | 72 | 2 | 2 | 25 | 45 |
| Somewhat interested | 49 | 12 | 9 | 30 | 31 |
| Will vote unless emergency | 67 | 4 | 0 | 29 | 18 |
| Will definitely vote | 70 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 88 |
| Northern NH | 66 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 5 |
| Central/Lakes | 79 | 20 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Hillsborough County | 59 | 10 | 10 | 21 | 35 |
| Seacoast | 75 | 2 | 0 | 23 | 60 |
| 18 to 29 | 77 | 6 | 0 | 18 | 16 |
| 30 to 45 | 66 | 11 | 2 | 21 | 46 |
| 46 to 64 | 89 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 20 |
| 65 and over | 57 | 0 | 12 | 31 | 22 |
| 5 years or less in NH | 57 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 6 |
| 6 to 10 years | 86 | 8 | 0 | 7 | 10 |
| 11 to 20 years | 74 | 8 | 0 | 19 | 22 |
| More than 20 years | 67 | 5 | 5 | 22 | 66 |
| Male | 57 | 9 | 9 | 25 | 41 |
| Female | 77 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 67 |
| High school or less | 66 | 12 | 0 | 22 | 31 |
| Some college | 59 | 1 | 0 | 39 | 16 |
| College graduate | 75 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 34 |
| Post-graduate | 73 | 3 | 10 | 14 | 26 |

Democratic 2nd Congressional District Primary

| STATEWIDE | <u>Jackman</u> 21% | <u>Swett</u> 56% | <u>Other</u> 1% | <u>Undecided</u> 22% | <u>(N=)</u> 131 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Registered Democrat | 16 | 64 | 0 | 20 | 81 |
| Undeclared | 31 | 42 | 2 | 26 | 50 |
| Swing Voter | 24 | 32 | 3 | 40 | 23 |
| Moderate DEM | 16 | 60 | 0 | 24 | 53 |
| Liberal DEM | 16 | 69 | 0 | 15 | 49 |
| Extremely interested in Primary | 23 | 54 | 0 | 23 | 27 |
| Very interested | 12 | 66 | 0 | 22 | 60 |
| Somewhat interested | 31 | 42 | 2 | 25 | 39 |
| Will vote unless emergency | 19 | 41 | 5 | 36 | 15 |
| Will definitely vote | 22 | 58 | 0 | 20 | 113 |
| Northern NH | 40 | 47 | 0 | 13 | 26 |
| Western NH | 6 | 57 | 3 | 34 | 27 |
| Central/Lakes | 27 | 68 | 0 | 5 | 35 |
| Hillsborough County | 17 | 49 | 0 | 35 | 34 |
| Seacoast | 10 | 56 | 0 | 35 | 9 |
| 18 to 29 | 29 | 42 | 4 | 25 | 17 |
| 30 to 45 | 18 | 57 | 0 | 26 | 61 |
| 46 to 64 | 25 | 68 | 0 | 7 | 21 |
| 65 and over | 26 | 54 | 0 | 19 | 27 |
| 5 years or less in NH | 35 | 43 | 0 | 22 | 26 |
| 6 to 10 years | 26 | 46 | 0 | 28 | 14 |
| 11 to 20 years | 10 | 55 | 4 | 31 | 19 |
| More than 20 years | 19 | 62 | 0 | 19 | 70 |
| Male | 28 | 48 | 0 | 24 | 67 |
| Female | 15 | 63 | 1 | 21 | 64 |
| High school or less | 15 | 50 | 0 | 36 | 23 |
| Some college | 56 | 25 | 0 | 19 | 29 |
| College graduate | 23 | 47 | 0 | 31 | 32 |
| Post-graduate | 3 | 83 | 2 | 12 | 47 |