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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – The Senate voted 24-0 today to pass [HB 280](#), designating the red-tailed hawk as the state raptor. **Representative Renny Cushing (D-Hampton)**, co-sponsor of the legislation, released the following statement:

“Four years ago, fourth grade students from Lincoln Akerman School reached out to me about sponsoring legislation to designate the red-tailed hawk as New Hampshire’s state raptor. The red-tailed hawk is an appropriate symbol for New Hampshire, the students said, because both parents participate in the raising of the offspring. With such a wonderful, compelling message I was proud to work with former Representative Elaine Andrews-Ahearn and sponsor the bill.”

“That bill did not pass four years ago, as it was hijacked by unrelated political debates in an embarrassing moment for the New Hampshire legislature. We have an opportunity to right the wrong of 2015. It is time to let the red-tailed hawk live free and fly!”

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