

Letter: An invasive weed from afar

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Great editorial emphasizing former senator Judd Gregg's plea for GOP sanity (Monitor, Sept. 25). Sadly, the anti-government, astro-turf wing of the GOP has already effectively shut down the federal government with these tactics they apply not just to debt and budgeting, but to every issue.

Congress is setting new record lows for bills passed. This wing of the GOP is like an invasive weed introduced from afar. It has choked out native life, and natural American common-sense thinking. Moreover, as climate change worsens in the world of nature, native plants are squeezed out by heat, drought and invasive weeds. In the political world, urgent issues requiring government attention are squeezed off the agenda and out of the media limelight by GOP-weeds who don't want us to tackle anything requiring compromise or change, especially the fight against climate change.

Sen. Kelly Ayotte could win the hearts and allegiance of all of New England if she would be the first Republican to sponsor bipartisan climate change legislation. Her New England congressional colleagues need her to join them in this effort. It takes two hands to operate a weed-wacker, and it takes two parties to fight climate change.

Please, Senator Ayotte, before it is too late. Just last week U.S. News, USA Today, Economic Times and the Wall Street Journal/MarketWatch all published articles on the need for climate change action, and busting negative myths about renewable energy. The time to fight the weeds and climate change is now.

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