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Statement by Senate President regarding House action on SB 198

Reminds House that Senate cannot return to vote until January

(Concord) Senate President Peter Bragdon made the following comment today regarding the House Finance Committee's decision to add an amendment to SB 198:

"Today, House Finance Committee members added an amendment to SB 198 concerning the future of marital masters in New Hampshire. If the House passes SB 198 with this non-germane amendment, it will cost taxpayers millions of dollars. While this may not be the House's intention, it will absolutely be the effect."

SB 198 is necessary to make technical corrections to the new state budget. Without these changes, the state will run a deficit of \$700,000 per month which will total \$2 million dollars by the time the Senate goes back into session in January. Last week, the Senate requested that the House pass the bill and send it to Governor Lynch as quickly as possible without any amendments. The governor understands the urgency surrounding this legislation and has agreed to sign the bill into law immediately.

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