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## **Senate President statement regarding vote on SB 198**

(Concord) Sen. President Peter Bragdon issued the following statement today regarding the House vote passing SB 198 with amendment:

“The Senate respects the House as a separate body but today’s surprising action by the Speaker regarding SB 198 will cost New Hampshire taxpayers \$2,000,000. It is unfortunate the Speaker has chosen such a confrontational position when the governor, the non-partisan Legislative Budget Assistant’s Office, leaders and members of our party as well as other conservative voices agree that SB 198 should have been passed immediately without an amendment.

“We have repeatedly offered to work with the Speaker to address his marital master concerns in January.”

***Background:***

The Senate passed SB 198 on September 7<sup>th</sup>. In the five weeks it has taken the House to act on the legislation, this budget error has already cost the state nearly \$1 million dollars.

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