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### **Senate President, House Speaker support Continuing Resolution at FY '15 funding**

**Concord, NH-** Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem) and New Hampshire House Speaker Shawn Jasper (R-Hudson) released the following statement on the proposed Continuing Resolution that would keep state government open by funding operations at the fiscal year 2015 rate, should Governor Hassan veto the legislative budget.

"If the Governor and our Democratic colleagues would like to spend at the levels authorized in this budget, they should support this budget. Otherwise, we will work to ensure state government operations continue on July 1<sup>st</sup> just as they do on June 30<sup>th</sup>," said Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem).

"The best course for New Hampshire would be for Governor Hassan to let this budget become law, and avoid the need for a Continuing Resolution altogether," Morse added.

"We certainly agree with our Democratic colleagues that it is important to support higher education, substance abuse treatment, public safety and more. That's why our budget provides much needed funding in our fight against substance abuse, increases funding for local schools and higher education, and appropriates more money for health and human services than any previous budget in our state's history. If Governor Hassan and the Democrats are so concerned about these issues, the solution is quite simple. Rather than offer a continuing resolution that would authorize agencies to spend 96 percent of the first six months of the 2016 budget, they should join with us and pass a fiscally responsible budget on to the governor that will fund the next two years at 100%," said NH House Speaker Shawn Jasper (R-Hudson).

"By refusing to support a budget that will allow our state to take care of those most in need the Democrats are turning their backs on the people of New Hampshire. We have crafted a budget that will enable a stronger economy, promote job growth, and make New Hampshire more competitive," Jasper concluded.

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