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Morse, Daniels praise passage of NH budget

Concord, NH - Today, the House and Senate passed the budget committee of conference reports on HB 144 and HB 517.

"I am very pleased that today the House and Senate were able to come together and unite through a strong vote for passage of a budget that takes care of our neediest citizens, continues to grow New Hampshire's economy and creates jobs all while spending only what the state can afford," said Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem).

"Building upon the momentum to grow our state's growing economy, this budget further reduces the tax burden on small businesses, doubles the amount of funding to support those battling substance abuse, targets funding to address mental health needs, increases funding for families with a disabled child and overhauls DCYF to protect our children," added Morse.

"The work we've done to address critical issues facing our citizens and our state's job creators will undoubtedly benefit New Hampshire well into the future and I thank my colleagues in the House and Senate for their ability to come together to pass a budget today that spends only what the state can afford," said Senate Finance Chair Gary Daniels (R-Milford). "This budget also focuses on expanding care for those with mental health needs and restructuring the Division of Children Youth and Families to better support our state's children in this budget."

"In a stark contrast to Massachusetts who had recently had their bond rating lowered, we're also putting New Hampshire on a strong financial footing by growing our state's Rainy Day Fund from a low of \$9 million to more than \$100 million through this budget," said Daniels. "We've worked diligently to bring everyone's voices to the table during the budget process and I am proud to have the support of the legislature and the Governor and look forward to his signature."

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