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### **Senate President and Speaker of the House Respond to State of the State Address**

**CONCORD** - Today, Governor Sununu delivered his State of the State Address. After the address, Senate President Donna Soucy (D-Manchester) and Speaker of the House Steve Shurtleff (D-Penacook) issued these statements.

“While we can find areas of agreement with the Governor’s remarks today, his failure to mention the current state employee contract was a glaring omission. For nearly eight months, our dedicated state employees have worked without a contract – and Governor Sununu has failed to bring the fact finder’s report before the Executive Council for a vote. It’s time to stop the politics; it’s time for a fair contract for state employees now,” said **Speaker of the House Steve Shurtleff**.

**Senate President Donna Soucy added**, “The governor’s address today called for bipartisan cooperation. We will work with the governor when we can, but he has yet to demonstrate his own bipartisanship following a year of record breaking vetoes—most on bills that had bipartisan support. Unfortunately, his veto just this week of a third bipartisan net metering proposal, sponsored by a Republican, is not a good sign. Still, House and Senate Democrats remain committed to seeking opportunities for compromise as we lead efforts to pass comprehensive paid family and medical leave, raise the minimum wage, and protect Granite Staters from skyrocketing prescription drug costs.”

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