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Today, the New Hampshire House convened with the intention of continuing the business of the 2020 legislative session. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, House deadlines must be reset for most legislation to move forward. Republican members voted against resetting House deadlines, and all motions to allow consideration of specific legislation, except for a bill on beer growers.

House Majority Leader Doug Ley (D-Jaffrey) released the following statement:

“The display of political opportunism exhibited by House Republicans today shows that they did not come to the session interested in doing their job for the people of New Hampshire, but instead came only to obstruct the very detailed and safe process that both House staff and UNH staff have devoted months to planning and executing.

Democrats brought forward a number of proposals to benefit the people of New Hampshire today - increased protections for children, assistance for renters impacted by COVID-19, an examination of racial profiling and unconscious bias in policing, and a highway plan update critical to our state’s long-term planning. Republicans rejected every one of these proposals and criticized Democrats for even trying to pass them. The only issue they allowed to move forward was legislation on beer growers. While beer is important, Democrats believe that children, renters, police accountability and our state’s highway infrastructure are higher priorities for the state of New Hampshire.”