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DURHAM, NH: Today, the New Hampshire House voted 180-145 to reject an amendment to House Rules prohibiting use of alcohol and illegal substances in the House chamber. **Speaker Emeritus Steve Shurtleff (D-Penacook)** released the following statement:

“On at least two occasions last year, members of the House were found to be drinking alcohol during House sessions. That sophomoric behavior was disrespectful to both the institution and our constituents. The people we represent are not permitted to go to work and drink on the job. House members are elected to do the people’s business – to debate and pass laws to benefit the people of New Hampshire. For the Republican majority to reject a rule saying ‘no drinking on the job’ is simply insulting.”

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