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### **HOUSE FINANCE REPUBLICANS JAM THROUGH BUDGET AMENDMENT TO END STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – Today, Republicans on Division III of the House Finance Committee introduced a last-minute amendment to the Health and Human Services part of the budget that would rescind the Governor’s State of Emergency. After the vote on the amendment, **Ranking Democratic Member, Representative Mary Jane Wallner (D-Concord)** released the following statement:

“We have been working in Division III on our section of the budget for weeks now, and yet Republicans waited until the absolute last minute to bring forward a poorly written and confusing amendment to end the Governor’s state of emergency. A bill addressing this issue was passed the Executive Departments and Administration committee this morning after several work sessions and hours of public testimony, so there is no honest reason to sneak a new amendment in the budget in such a non-transparent way.

When discussing the amendment, Republicans said explicitly that they were bringing it forward to get votes from members of their caucus. The budget is no place to hide unrelated policy amendments, but apparently that’s what House Republicans are resorting to in order to appease the radical wing of their caucus.”

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On Background:

Amendment #1003h introduced today in committee is attached.