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House and Senate Statement regarding autopsy results for Speaker Dick Hinch

CONCORD, NH – Acting Speaker Sherman Packard (R-Londonderry) and Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem) today released the following statement:

“As legislative leaders, we are committed to protecting the health and safety of our fellow legislators and staff members who work at the statehouse in Concord. It is our responsibility to ensure COVID-19 incident notification and transparency. These are responsibilities that we take extremely seriously.”

“Following the unexpected death of House Speaker Dick Hinch, an autopsy was conducted by the state medical examiner today that revealed his cause of his death is COVID-19.”

“We are deeply saddened that the pandemic that spares no one afflicted our friend and colleague.”

“We will be consulting with our Department of Health & Human Services and our General Court’s Administrative Office this afternoon regarding their advice on any additional, specific steps we should take, beyond our on-going COVID-19 protocols and contact tracing, to ensure the continued protection of our legislators and staff. The statehouse building remains closed to the public.”

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