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Lt. Governor Phil Scott issued the following statement about Monday's protest in the Pavilion Building and the State's response:

"On Monday afternoon and evening, as protesters marched on the Pavilion Building, I was involved with the Department of Public Safety's temporary Command Center in downtown Montpelier. What I witnessed confirmed my faith in our law enforcement on many levels: Vermont State Police, Montpelier Police, Barre City Police, Capitol Police, Washington County Sheriffs, DMV Enforcement, Vermont Department of Liquor Control Inspectors and BGS Security all worked together to protect Vermonters and our infrastructure while simultaneously protecting and ensuring the First Amendment rights of those protesting.

"The news reports clearly show some of the protesters were ultimately arrested without incident, but I know how quickly the outcome could have "gone south" without the collective level of expertise and experience of the officers involved.

"I couldn't be more proud of how those in charge of the operation handled themselves, as well as how the officers on the ground reacted to the developing situation. The level of cooperation between so many agencies was both inspiring and comforting; the safety of our State and its citizens is in good hands, and I thank them for their efforts."