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The House assembled at 1:00 p.m.

On the first Wednesday in December in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six, it being the day designated by the Constitution for assembling, the one hundred and fifty-fifth General Court of the State of New Hampshire convened at the Capitol in the City of Concord. The representatives-elect were called to order by Karen O. Wadsworth, House Clerk for the preceding session.

Prayer was offered by House Chaplain, Reverend Edward G. Horstmann.

O God of love and justice, near to us as the breath which gives us life and yet distant as the farthest star, hear our prayer for these servants of the common good and for the staff members who support them. So organize them around Your divine will that their research and reflections, along with their discussions and decisions, may reflect the highest hopes which You have for the land and people of New Hampshire. Amen.

Rep.-elect Kevin Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps.-elect Guest, Healy and St. Hilaire, the day, illness.

Reps.-elect Cushing and Beverly Gage, the day, important business.

CALL OF THE ROLL

BELKNAP COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (2)

Thomas J. Boriso, r; David M. Lawton, r

Dist. No. 2 (2)

Robert J. Laflam, r; Thomas B. Salatiello, d

Dist. No. 3 (2)

James P. Pilliod, r; John H. Thomas, r

Dist. No. 4 (2)

Charles L. Clark, r; George Hurt, r

Dist. No. 5 (3)

Robert K. Boyce, r; Paul A. Golden, r; Alice S. Ziegra, r

Dist. No. 6 (1)

Gordon E. Bartlett, r

Dist. No. 7 (6)

Robert G. Holbrook, r; Robert M. Lawton, r; Thomas E. P. Rice, Jr., r; Ralph J. Rosen, r; Robert H. Turner, r; John A. Veazey, r

CARROLL COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1) Gene G. Chandler, r&d
Dist. No. 2 (2) Kipp A. Cooper, r&d; Howard C. Dickinson Jr., r&d
Dist. No. 3 (1) Henry P. Mock, r&d
Dist. No. 4 (1) Donald R. Philbrick, r
Dist. No. 5 (2) David L. Babson, Jr., r&d; L. Randy Lyman, r&d
Dist. No. 6 (1) Joseph D. Kenney, r
Dist. No. 7 (1) Kenneth J. MacDonald, r
Dist. No. 8 (1) Jeb E. Bradley, r&d
Dist. No. 9 (1) Betsey L. Patten, r
Dist. No. 10 (2) Robert W. Foster, r; Godfrey G. Howard, r

CHESHIRE COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1) Paul A. McGuirk, d&r
Dist. No. 2 (2) Sarah K. Bonneau, d&l; John M. Pratt, d
Dist. No. 3 (1) Wanda G. McNamara, r
Dist. No. 4 (1) John A. Vogl, d
Dist. No. 5 (1) Irene A. Pratt, d&r
Dist. No. 6 (1) Edwin O. Smith, r
Dist. No. 7 (1) William A. Riley, d&r
Dist. No. 8 (2) Stephen G. Avery, r; Daniel M. Burnham, d
Dist. No. 9 (2) Joseph P. Manning, r&d; H. Charles Royce, r&d
Dist. No. 10 (1) John B. Hunt, r&d
Dist. No. 11 (2) Margaret E. Lynott, d; Myron S. Steere, III, r
Dist. No. 12 (1) Barbara Hull Richardson, d
Dist. No. 13 (1) Katherine H. Metzger, r
Dist. No. 14 (1) Benjamin J. DePecol, d
Dist. No. 15 (1) Ronald G. Russell, d
Dist. No. 16 (1) David R. Meader, d
Dist. No. 17 (1) John J. O'Connell, d
Dist. No. 18 (1) Timothy N. Robertson, d
Dist. No. 19 (3) Richard L. Champagne, d; Richard F. Doucette, d; Margaret A. Lynch, d

COOS COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (2) Perley E. Davis, r; Gerald P. Merrill, r
Dist. No. 2 (1) Wayne T. Moynihan, d
Dist. No. 3 (1) Lynn C. Horton, r
Dist. No. 4 (1) Leighton C. Pratt, r
Dist. No. 5 (1) John E. Tholl, Jr., r
Dist. No. 6 (2) Paula E. Bradley, d; Lawrence J. Guay, r
Dist. No. 7 (5) Henry W. Coulombe, d; Yvonne Coulombe, d; Marie C. Hawkinson, d&r; Edgar H. Mears, d&r; Elected, not sworn

GRAFTON COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (3) Steven J. Connolly, r; Stephanie Eaton, r; Richard L. Hill, r

Dist. No. 2 (1)	Richard T. Trelfa, r
Dist. No. 3 (1)	William E. Williams, Jr., r
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Bonnie D. Ham, r
Dist. No. 5 (2)	Paul I. LaMott, r&d; Douglass P. Teschner, r&d
Dist. No. 6 (2)	Paul K. Chase, Jr., r; Sidney Lovett, d
Dist. No. 7 (2)	Harry Hinman, r; Allen K. MacNeil, r
Dist. No. 8 (2)	William R. Phinney, r&d; John M. Root, r&d
Dist. No. 9 (1)	John R. M. Alger, r&d
Dist. No. 10 (4)	Marion L. Copenhaver, d; Elected, not sworn; Elsa M. Luker, d; Sharon L. Nordgren, d
Dist. No. 11 (2)	Elected, not sworn; Phil A. Weber, r&d
Dist. No. 12 (1)	Paul M. Mirski, r
Dist. No. 13 (1)	Clifton C. Below, d&r
Dist. No. 14 (4)	Ralph L. Akins, idr; Elected, not sworn; Channing T. Brown, r; Lawrence V. Guaraldi, r

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (2)	W. Gordon Allen, d
Dist. No. 2 (1)	Herbert R. Hansen, r
Dist. No. 3 (1)	Maxwell D. Sargent, r
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Susan J. Clay, r
Dist. No. 5 (2)	Neal M. Kurk, r&d; Paul R. Perkins, r
Dist. No. 6 (1)	O. Alan Thulander, r
Dist. No. 7 (5)	Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr, r; Ruth E. Gage, d; Bruce F. Hunter, r; Karen K. McRae, r; Robert L. Wheeler, r
Dist. No. 8 (2)	Merton S. Dyer, r; Andrew R. Peterson, r
Dist. No. 9 (1)	Eleanor H. Amidon, r
Dist. No. 10 (1)	Linda T. Foster, d
Dist. No. 11 (1)	Harold P. Melcher, d
Dist. No. 12 (1)	Lauren Carney, r
Dist. No. 13 (4)	Gary L. Daniels, r&d; Charles W. Ferguson, r; Keith R. Herman, r&d; Peter R. Leishman, r
Dist. No. 14 (3)	William S. Belvin, r; Cynthia J. Dokmo, r; Carol H. Holden, r
Dist. No. 15 (4)	M. Virginia Burke, r; Kathleen M. Flora, r&d; Maurice E. Goulet, r; Evelyn S. Letendre, r
Dist. No. 16 (1)	Peter F. Bergin, r&d
Dist. No. 17 (2)	Leon Calawa, Jr., r; Loren J. Jean, r
Dist. No. 18 (8)	Peter L. Batula, r; Robert W. Brundige, r&l; Dennis H. Fields, r; Robert N. Kelley, r; Robert J. L'Heureux, r&l; Doris R. MacIntyre, r; Tim S. McGough, r; Robert H. Milligan, r
Dist. No. 19 (1)	Donald Carlson, r&d
Dist. No. 20 (2)	Thomas I. Arnold, Jr., r; Betty B. Hall, d
Dist. No. 21 (1)	Jeffrey C. MacGillivray, r
Dist. No. 22 (2)	Susan B. Durham, r; George W. Wright, r

Dist. No. 23 (6)	David J. Alukonis, r; Lars T. Christiansen, r; Robert E. Clegg, Jr., r; David S. Feng, r; Rudy Lessard, r; Stanley N. Searles, Sr, r
Dist. No. 24 (3)	James J. Fenton, r; Harold V. Lynde, d; Michael F. Marcinkowski, r
Dist. No. 25 (1)	Donald B. White, r&d
Dist. No. 26 (3)	Suzan L. R. Franks, r; Ruth Ginsburg, d&r; Jane E. O'Hearn, r
Dist. No. 27 (3)	Geoffrey C. Briefs, r; Richard J. LaRose, r; Robert S. Mercer, r
Dist. No. 28 (3)	William H. Barry, III, d&r; Robert A. Daigle, d; Sylvia A. Holley, r
Dist. No. 29 (3)	Kevin J. Clemons, d; David E. Cote, d; Alphonse A. Haettenschwiller, d
Dist. No. 30 (3)	Philip M. Ackerman, d; Donnalee M. Lozeau, r; Rita G. MacAuslan, d
Dist. No. 31 (3)	Jane A. Clemons, d; Roland J. Lefebvre, d; George D. Murch, III, r
Dist. No. 32 (3)	Lori Cardin, d; Peter R. Cote, d; Claudette R. Jean, d
Dist. No. 33 (3)	Eileen P. Dawe, r; Joseph A. Foster, d&r; Joan C. Sullens, r
Dist. No. 34 (3)	Mary Ellen Martin, d&r; Dawn C. Piteri, r; Paul W. Taylor, r
Dist. No. 35 (1)	David B. Holt, r
Dist. No. 36 (1)	A. Theresa Drabinowicz, d
Dist. No. 37 (3)	David R. Boutin, r; Nick Hart, r; David T. Mittelman, r
Dist. No. 38 (3)	William M. Golding, r; Winston H. McCarty, r; Michael Morello, r
Dist. No. 39 (3)	Peter F. Leonard, d; Thomas F. O'Rourke, d&r; Carol Ann Williams, d
Dist. No. 40 (3)	Lionel W. Johnson, d; Leo P. Pepino, r; Jay T. White, d
Dist. No. 41 (3)	Elected, not sworn; William J. McCarthy, d; James A. McDonald, Sr, d
Dist. No. 42 (3)	Benjamin C. Baroody, d&r; Bernard J. Luebkert, r; Robert E. Murphy, d
Dist. No. 43 (3)	W. Thomas Ameen, d; Paul J. Dwyer, Sr, d; Robert J. Haley, d
Dist. No. 44 (3)	Raymond C. Buckley, III, d; Frances L. Riley, r; J. Steve Vaillancourt, d
Dist. No. 45 (3)	William J. Desrosiers, r; Gerald O. Gosselin, d; Michael Kelly, d
Dist. No. 46 (3)	Lou D'Allesandro, d; Irene M. Messier, r&d; Frank J. Reidy, d
Dist. No. 47 (3)	Robert P. Asselin, d; Shannon L. Bernier, d; Roland M. Turgeon, d&r
Dist. No. 48 (3)	Robert F. Chabot, r; Eugene L. Gagnon, r; Donald Welch, d&r
MERRIMACK COUNTY	
Dist. No. 1 (2)	Earle W. Chandler, r; William E. Leber, r
Dist. No. 2 (3)	Peter O. Crowell, r; Alf E. Jacobson, r; Avis B. Nichols, r
Dist. No. 3 (2)	Barbara C. French, d; Bernard D. Lamach, r
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Kenneth R. Marshall, r

Dist. No. 5 (1)	Michael D. Whalley, r
Dist. No. 6 (1)	Derek Owen, d&r
Dist. No. 7 (3)	Eric Anderson, r; Stephen T. DeStefano, d; Patricia Krueger, r
Dist. No. 8 (1)	Gerard L. St Cyr, d
Dist. No. 9 (4)	Stephen J. Adams, r; David E. Larrabee, r; Robert A. Lockwood, r; Roy D. Maxfield, r
Dist. No. 10 (2)	Mary E. Brown, r; Charles B. Yeaton, d
Dist. No. 11 (3)	David W. Hess, r; Ray F. Langer, r; Terence R. Pfaff, r
Dist. No. 12 (4)	Kathleen A. Colburn, r; Thomas M. Colburn, r; Gabriel J. Daneault, d; Gerard H. Lavoie, r&d
Dist. No. 13 (3)	Martin Feuerstein, r; Olive B. Morrill, r; James A. Whittemore, r
Dist. No. 14 (1)	Carol T. Burney, d&r
Dist. No. 15 (1)	Jean R. Wallin, d&r
Dist. No. 16 (1)	Mary Stuart Gile, d
Dist. No. 17 (1)	Gloria Seldin, d
Dist. No. 18 (1)	Elizabeth S. Hager, r
Dist. No. 19 (1)	Elected, not sworn
Dist. No. 20 (1)	Toni M. Crosby, d
Dist. No. 21 (1)	Marilyn A. Fraser, d
Dist. No. 22 (1)	Katherine D. Rogers, d
Dist. No. 23 (1)	Tara G. Reardon, d
Dist. No. 24 (3)	Miriam D. Dunn, d; Elizabeth K. Hoadley, r; Mary Jane Wallner, d

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1)	Robert A. Johnson, r
Dist. No. 2 (1)	Margaret A. Case, r
Dist. No. 3 (1)	Ronald J. Nowe, r&d
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Robert K. Dodge, r
Dist. No. 5 (1)	Charles D. Stritch, r&d
Dist. No. 6 (1)	Rudolph J. Kobel, r
Dist. No. 7 (1)	Joseph E. Stone, r&d
Dist. No. 8 (1)	Rebecca C. Hutchinson, d
Dist. No. 9 (2)	Patricia L. Cote, r; Thomas A. Varrell, r
Dist. No. 10 (1)	Jon P. Beaulieu, r
Dist. No. 11 (1)	Ralph H. Millard, r
Dist. No. 12 (3)	Franklin C. Bishop, r; Richard E. Dolan, r; Marian E. Lovejoy, r
Dist. No. 13 (11)	M. Kathryn Aranda, r; Sandra K. Dowd, r; Patricia A. Dowling, r; Robert M. Fesh, r; Paul A. Gibbons, r&d; John P. Gleason, r; George N. Katsakiores, r; Phyllis M. Katsakiores, r; John S. Langone, r&d; Robert J. Letourneau, r; Norma A. Sabella, r
Dist. No. 14 (1)	Natalie S. Flanagan, r
Dist. No. 15 (2)	Joseph A. Guthrie, r; Neil J. Reardon, r&d

Dist. No. 16 (2)	LeRoy S. Dube, r&d; Norman L. Major, r&d
Dist. No. 17 (2)	Kevin L. Camm, r; Mark A. Cegelis, r&d
Dist. No. 18 (4)	Marjorie H. Battles, r&d; John W. Flanders, Sr, r&d; David A. Welch, r&d; Kenneth L. Weyler, r&d
Dist. No. 19 (3)	Dennis F. Abbott, d; Betsy A. Coes, d; Frank M. Schanda, d
Dist. No. 20 (5)	David A. Flanders, r; John B. Heath, d; Warren C. Henderson, r; J. Arthur Tufts, r; Jackie K. Weatherspoon, d
Dist. No. 21 (3)	Charles H. Felch, Sr, r; Benjamin E. Moore, r; Patricia M. O'Keefe, d
Dist. No. 22 (5)	Andrew Christie, Jr., r; Elected, not sworn; Sheila T. Francoeur, r; Jane P. Kelley, d; Kenneth W. Malcolm, r
Dist. No. 23 (1)	Bruce L. Dearborn, r
Dist. No. 24 (2)	Jane S. Langley, r&d; John J. McCarthy, r
Dist. No. 25 (3)	George R. Rubin, r&d; John Anthony Simmons, r; Deborah L. Woods, r
Dist. No. 26 (9)	Ronald J. Belanger, r; Richard T. Cooney, r; Michael W. Downing, d; Elected, not sworn; Stephanie K. Micklon, d; Richard Noyes, r; Bernard J. Raynowska, r; Nancy C. Stickney, r; Donna Sytek, r
Dist. No. 27 (3)	Janet S. Arndt, r; Mary E. Griffin, r; Debbie L. Morris, r
Dist. No. 28 (1)	Arthur P. Klemm, Jr., r
Dist. No. 29 (7)	Gregory G. Carson, r; Vivian L. Dunham, r; Betsy McKinney, r; Walter J. Mikowski, r; Sherman A. Packard, r; Kevin H. Smith, r&d; Giovanni M. Verani, r
Dist. No. 30 (1)	Laura C. Pantelakos, d
Dist. No. 31 (1)	Terie T. Norelli, d
Dist. No. 32 (1)	Cecelia D. Kane, d
Dist. No. 33 (2)	Joseph G. Frechette, r; Anthony Syracuse, d
Dist. No. 34 (1)	MaryAnn N. Blanchard, d
Dist. No. 35 (2)	Cynthia A. McGovern, d; Charles L. Vaughn, d&r
Dist. No. 36 (1)	Martha Fuller Clark, d
STRAFFORD COUNTY	
Dist. No. 1 (1)	David A. Bickford, r&d
Dist. No. 2 (1)	Robert E. McKinley, r
Dist. No. 3 (2)	Henry P. Sullivan, d&r; William Tsiros, r&d
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Dennis P. Vachon, d
Dist. No. 5 (1)	Barbara L. Spear, r
Dist. No. 6 (2)	Marlene M. DeChane, d; George T. Musler, r
Dist. No. 7 (1)	Naida L. Kaen, i&r
Dist. No. 8 (4)	Iris W. Estabrook, d; Amanda A. Merrill, d; Deborah F. Merritt, d; Marjorie K. Smith, d
Dist. No. 9 (1)	Janet G. Wall, d&r
Dist. No. 10 (1)	Michael S. Rollo, d
Dist. No. 11 (4)	Roland E. Hemon, d&r; William V. Knowles, d&r; William H. McCann, Jr., d; Kathleen N. Taylor, d&r

Dist. No. 12 (4)	Arthur J. Pelletier, d&r; Marsha L. Pelletier, d&r; Ann M. Torr, r; Franklin G. Torr, r
Dist. No. 13 (1)	Joseph R. Twardus, d
Dist. No. 14 (4)	Roger R. Berube, d; Dana S. Hilliard, d&r; Clair A. Snyder, d&r; Francis C. Vincent, d
Dist. No. 15 (2)	Frank D. Callaghan, d&r; Rose Marie Rogers, d&r
Dist. No. 16 (2)	William P. Brennan, d; Sandra Balomenos Keans, r
Dist. No. 17 (2)	George F. Brown, d; Julie M. Brown, r
Dist. No. 18 (2)	Patricia C. Dunlap, r; Raymond A. Lundborn, d
Dist. No. 19 (2)	Anne C. Grassie, d; Ralph W. Torr, r

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1)	Peter Hoe Burling, d
Dist. No. 2 (1)	Richard C. Leone, r
Dist. No. 3 (1)	Merle W. Schotanus, r
Dist. No. 4 (3)	Henry P. Sullivan, d&r; William Tsiros, r&d
Dist. No. 5 (1)	Rudolf A. Adler, r&l
Dist. No. 6 (1)	Brenda L. Ferland, d
Dist. No. 7 (1)	Eric N. Lindblade, r
Dist. No. 8 (1)	John R. Cloutier, d&r
Dist. No. 9 (1)	Richard H. Krueger, r
Dist. No. 10 (1)	David C. Allison, d
Dist. No. 11 (2)	Thomas E. Donovan, d; Lorraine R. Palmer, d&r

With 392 members having answered the call of the roll, a quorum was declared present.

RESOLUTION

Representatives-elect Sytek and Burling offered the following:

RESOLVED, that a committee of six be appointed to wait upon the Governor and the Honorable Council to inform them that a quorum of the House is assembled and requests their attendance.

Adopted.

The Chair appointed Representatives-elect Paul I. LaMott, Marion L. Copenhaver, Howard C. Dickinson, Jr., Natalie S. Flanagan, Lynn C. Horton and Robert A. Johnson.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Bobbi and Justin Flessu-LaRoche, guests of Rep.-elect John Pratt. Donna Tholl and George and Carlene Dumas, wife and in-laws of Rep.-elect Tholl. Kirsten, Jennifer, Anna, Sarah and Ellie Peterson, wife and daughters of Rep.-elect Peterson. Janice Batula, Carrie and Amanda Morris and Jennifer and Madeline Collins, wife, daughters and granddaughters of Rep.-elect Batula. Charlene Takesian, Zachary Lynde and Steven Clermont, wife, son and step-son of Rep.-elect Lynde. Frank Earl, Frank Edward, Patryc and Rhonda Wiggins and Ethan Johnson, husband, son, daughter, daughter-in-law and grandson of Rep.-elect Wiggins. John Pelletier, son of Reps.-elect Arthur and Marsha Pelletier. Bruce and Denise Smith, parents of Rep.-elect Kevin Smith. Doris Sweet and Carl and Betty Tonnessen, guests of Rep.-elect Cooney. Marian and Molly Ann Irving and Mary Beth and John Robert Foster, daughter, granddaughter, daughter-in-law and grandson of Rep.-elect Robert Foster. Helen Holbrook, wife of Rep.-elect

Holbrook. Ronald and Karen Francoeur, Ryan Cota and Penny Hamilton, guests of Rep.-elect Francoeur. Priscilla Clark, wife of Rep.-elect Charles Clark. Russell, Clarke and Rebeka Weatherspoon, Kim Walker, Marguerite Pearson, Jim Gilmore and Thomas Meehan, husband, son, daughter, sister and guests of Rep.-elect Weatherspoon. Brenda and Kevin Major, wife and son of Rep.-elect Major. Frank and Marcella McArthur, James, Mark and David Flora, parents, husband and sons of Rep.-elect Flora. Judith and Charlie Pilliod, wife and son of Rep.-elect Pilliod. Brenda Dolan, wife of Rep.-elect Dolan. Kristi, Heidi and Lynn Tillotson and Charleston and Betty Hoadley, guests of Rep.-elect Hoadley. John and Mary Sytek, Frances Page, Leslie and Stephen Behan and Caroline Clough, husband, daughter and guests of Rep.-elect Sytek. Elfriede Murch and Harry Fellbaum, wife and guest of Rep.-elect Murch. Former N.H. Representative Janet Conroy, guest of the Derry Representatives-elect. Emily, Sarah and Alice Kinsler and Richard Levitt, guests of Rep.-elect Selden. Sharon, Alicia and Dierdre Carson, wife and daughters of Rep.-elect Carson. Marjorie Leber, wife of Rep.-elect Leber. Elizabeth Adams, wife, and the children of Rep.-elect Adams. Former N.H. Representative William Boucher, guest of Rep.-elect Packard. Mal and Scott MacIntyre, husband and son of Rep.-elect MacIntyre. Amanda Perez and Kevin Clemons, Jr., wife and son of Rep.-elect Kevin Clemons. Mary Lou Nowe and Don and Barbara Sesion, wife and guests of Rep.-elect Nowe. Bill Bradley, husband of Rep.-elect Paula Bradley. Christy Belvin, wife of Rep.-elect Belvin. Ann Bergin, wife of Rep.-elect Bergin. Cindy and Nathan Wilkinson, niece and great-nephew of Rep.-elect Yeaton. Barry Cardin, son of Rep.-elect Cardin. Osvaldo and Patricia Verani and Noelle Voto, parents and guest of Rep.-elect Verani. Deanna Rollo and Ruth Dorey, mother and grandmother of Rep.-elect Rollo. Jetta and Christine Connolly, mother and sister of Rep.-elect Connolly. Jane, John-Paul and Sarah Vachon, wife, son and daughter of Rep.-elect Vachon. Mr. & Mrs. Vincent DeChane and Patricia Holmes, family of Rep.-elect DeChane. Geraldine Mittelman, mother of Rep.-elect Mittelman. Louise Gleason, wife of Rep.-elect Gleason. Chuck, Joelle and Andrew Grassie, husband, daughter and son of Rep.-elect Grassie. Douglas, Warren, Hope, Troy and Laura Micklon, LuAnn Kuda and Linda Quinn, husband, children, mother-in-law and guests of Rep.-elect Micklon. Heidi Downing and Robert McGuire, wife and guest of Rep.-elect Downing. Jeanne, David and Denise Wheeler and George Dutton, wife, son, daughter and guest of Rep.-elect Wheeler. Robert Gile, Chris Trider and Alicia Gile, husband, son and granddaughter of Rep.-elect Gile. Theresa Labrecque and Paula Colburn, mother and daughter of Rep.-elect Kathleen Colburn. Leo Bernier, father of Rep.-elect Bernier. Peter Geer, guest of Rep.-elect Luker. Irene and David Welch, mother and brother of Rep.-elect Donald Welch. Robert Calvert, guest of Rep.-elect Ziegra. Andrew Griffin, guest of Rep.-elect Griffin. Allen, Gina and Daniel Norelli, husband and children of Rep.-elect Norelli.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Governor, Stephen R. Merrill, having been informed that a quorum of the House was assembled, appeared, accompanied by the Honorable Councilors Raymond S. Burton, Peter J. Spaulding, Ruth L. Griffin, Earl A. Rinker, III and Bernard Streeter, Jr. The members-elect, having presented their credentials, were duly qualified by the Governor as members of the House of Representatives by taking and subscribing the oath of office agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire.

The Governor and Executive Councilors retired.

ELECTION OF HOUSE SPEAKER

The Chair declared that nominations for Speaker were in order.

Rep. Buckley moved that all speeches made during the day's session be printed in the Journal.

The motion failed.

Rep. Buckley moved that the nominating and seconding speeches of Reps. Lozeau and Kurk, the motion and remarks of Rep. Burling and the remarks of Rep. Sytek be printed in the Journal.

Adopted.

Chair: The Chair recognizes the member from Nashua, Representative Lozeau, for the purpose of making a nomination.

Rep. Lozeau: Thank you Madam Clerk. I rise to place the name of Donna Sytek in nomination for Speaker of the House. Boy, that is a tough act to follow, isn't it? After the Governor says she is terrific, what can the rest of us say? I guess what I would like to tell you about is what most of us already know and that is what it is like to work with Donna, and how fortunate, I believe, we are all going to be. I came to the House 12 years ago and was privy to Donna's advice and lucky to have her as my first chairman. I think that all of us have received advice, in one way or another, from Donna - dogs and fireworks and everything you can think of and then some. But, better than that, what we have been fortunate to receive from Donna is the ability that she has to bring out the best in all of us. When you get advice from Donna it is not somebody talking to you and telling you this is how it is and this is what you should do. It is somebody that is putting you in a position to ask yourself the right questions so that you come up with the answer on your own. All she did was give you the right way to ask the questions. That is something that we are all lucky to have. Also, all of us fresh off the campaign trail know that one of the hardest things is when you are dealing with the media and the state leaders determining what the burning issues of the day are. They point out which ones they are and they ask you for your positions. They are listed in the paper and you don't feel you have the opportunity to say to people that it is more than that. It is not the three or four or five issues that the paper said I am for or I am against. It is about who I am and how I do things. There are a thousand bills and that many times that we are going to be asked to vote up here. The question that we ought to be talking about is character. What is the person like? How do you do things? Do you do your homework? Do you look for both sides of an issue? Do you struggle with what is the right thing to do? Do you bring people to the table of all different walks to learn from them so you can make a good judgment? When it comes to Donna Sytek we are fortunate enough to know that all the answers to those are yes. That is how Donna does things. All of us have a chance whether she agrees or disagrees. All of us have a straight shot at giving our opinion and participating in the discussion. That makes us much more fortunate than many of the voters that choose us. Nothing personal, I'm sure. It is with great pleasure and a real honor for me to nominate Donna. Oftentimes in a position like this people look to quote great leaders and they look up at the wall and say something profound. I'd like to quote a leader from today. That leader said, "We are trusted with the stewardship of our state for the next two years. We should take pride in our work." That leader is Donna Sytek. I hope you will join me. Thank you.

Chair: The Chair recognizes the member from Weare, Representative Kurk, for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

Rep. Kurk: Thank you Madam Chairman. It is with great pleasure that I rise to second the nomination of Representative Sytek for Speaker of this House. Each member of this House cares deeply about whom we elect Speaker. Why? Why does it matter whom we choose to lead us? Most of the time we are actively engaged in legislating. Talking to our constituents and each other about what needs to be done for New Hampshire and how to go about doing it. We're doing the important thing that we were elected to do. We are shaping the future. The third floor is just not in the forefront of our minds. Yet we know that the third floor is the key to our success. The Speaker organizes this House so that we can do our business effectively and efficiently. The Speaker energizes this House so that, inspired, we can do the best we are capable of doing. The Speaker represents this House so that our efforts achieve results in the Senate, with the Governor and, of course, with the public. Organizing, energizing, representing, these are the qualities of leadership that our Speaker needs. These are the qualities that describe Donna Sytek. Representative Sytek knows the system. She knows the rules. She knows the process. She knows the players. She shared that rich knowledge with fellow legislators. Her office door has always been open and many of us have taken advantage of the opportunity. Representative Sytek's advice is good because her experience is extensive. In this Legislature she has been a Representative for ten terms. She has

chaired three major House committees. She served on key task forces and commissions dealing with domestic violence, corrections, juvenile justice and the state's revenue structure. At the state level she has chaired the Republican State Committee. At the national level she sat on the Executive Committees of the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Council of State Governments and she has been President of the National Republican Legislators Association. As important as Representative Sytek's experience is her ability to build consensus from diversity. On Ways and Means, when I served on that Committee, time and again, she was able to get strong-willed, even stubborn legislators to sing harmoniously from the same song sheet. She demonstrated similar talent in putting together the coalitions necessary to pass truth-in-sentencing and juvenile justice reform. As Speaker, Representative Sytek will lead us in developing a House position and seeing it successfully through the legislative process. She has the talent necessary to make the case. She has a gift for concise, heart-of-the-issue expression, and a delightful sense of humor that has served her well in speaking to groups across the state and, as we all know, on radio and television. She can negotiate and horse trade with the best of them. She is nonconfrontational but she is very, very determined. Most important, Representative Sytek has enormous respect for this House as an institution. Above all else she is committed to upholding and enhancing its reputation and its honor. Madam Chairman, this House has been led by some excellent Speakers. Representative Sytek will be among the best of them. I hope you will join me in supporting her for Speaker. Thank you.

Chair: Are there any further nominations? There being none the Chair declares the nominations for Speaker closed and recognizes the member from Cornish, Representative Burling, for the purpose of making a motion.

Rep. Burling: Thank you Madam Chair. I move that the Clerk be directed to cast one ballot for the election of Representative Donna Sytek as our next Speaker and that we vote by acclamation in support of that. I get to say a few words about this. I have an acquaintance and constituent who tells a moving story about change and new beginnings. I'd like to share that story with you today. This man was part of the crew of a B-29 that flew over Japan in the last days of the war in 1945. Day after day he flew high over burning cities, dropping tons of explosives on the buildings below. When the cease fire came, our storyteller and his crew wondered where they might be ordered to go next. They thought they might be sent to Tokyo Bay to join the fleet of thousands of aircraft that were to fly over the peace treaty signing ceremony on the USS Missouri. But, on the date set for that ceremony their plane was loaded with tons of food and they were sent not to Tokyo, but in search of a camp in the South of Japan where thousands of prisoners were known to be starving. It took them a long time to find that camp but they finally spotted it. The pilot made a long slow approach over the buildings in the camp and then turned to make another pass. As he did so, as he swung around, the pilot opened the bomb doors. Looking down through the gaping bomb bay, our storyteller saw a sight which stunned him. Instead of burning buildings far below, an image that he had grown to expect, he saw the upturned faces of thousands of human beings, prisoners of war awaiting relief. My constituent says that every time he tells that tale, he will never forget that image. It was the essence of change. It was the beginning of peace. We are in a time of change right now in New Hampshire. All of us here in New Hampshire are witnesses to a remarkable new beginning in the political life of our state. We have a new Governor and she comes to us with a string of firsts following her name. Not only is Jeanne Shaheen the first woman to be our Governor, but she is also the very first Democrat in this century to carry each and every county in this wonderful state as part of her quest. She is the first person to move directly from the legislative office into the corner office since Walter Peterson and what a distinguished bi-partisan career she brings with her. Jeanne Shaheen accomplished in two years, as a member of a tiny minority team, more than most of us can hope to accomplish in all our careers. Governor-elect Shaheen brings with her a gift for every member of this House. That gift is a mandate for bi-partisan achievement in pursuit of the people's business. Every one of us knows that New Hampshire voted for the principle of bi-partisan cooperation when New Hampshire voted for Jeanne Shaheen. Every one of us knows that the people want us to work together in a meaningful way to address the problems of our state. I am pleased to stand here,

Madam Chair, and call for the unanimous election of Donna Sytek as Speaker because I know that right now it is the right thing to do. I know, I know that Representative Sytek is committed to a vision of this House as co-equal partner with the Senate and the Governor in the promulgation of public policy. I know because she has said so in so many ways that she loves this institution and all the principals that it stands for. I know she will serve fairly, honoring House process and encouraging public civility in all our efforts. Our new Governor and our new Speaker will work together well. Let this be the beginning of peace and accomplishment for all of us. As our Governor and our new Speaker are both new, so, too, are we in the Democratic Caucus new. We have newly bolstered numbers, bigger than we have been since 1982 and I apologize for those that might take umbrage at that, but it is the truth. We bring to this House 61 new faces. We have a new leadership team. We have a new organization to help make ourselves more effective and productive and we have new enthusiasm, Madam Chair, for working for all the members of this House to make necessary change. We are ready, Madam Chair, to work for the passage of universal kindergarten so that every child in this state can get a fair start in the race for a good education. We are ready, Madam Chair, to work for lower electric rates with environmental protection so that every New Hampshire family can afford to turn on the lights or go looking for a better job without the crippling power costs that we now experience, to work for the passage of a budget that meets the essential needs of our neighbors, our constituents and our state. We Democrats make this pledge as we elect our new Speaker. We will support you whenever possible and we will oppose you whenever necessary. We will behave toward all the members of this House as partners and colleagues ought to behave. We will occasionally disagree, but we will never be disagreeable. We will do everything that we can to ensure that when each day ends nothing will prevent us from waving goodnight to one another and parting as friends. On behalf of our Caucus, I wish everyone good fortune. I wish a very special good fortune and congratulations to Representative Sytek. In conclusion, I ask that you join me now in acclamation for our new Speaker, Representative Donna Sytek.

Chair: The question is on the motion as offered by Rep. Burling and seconded by Rep. Amanda Merrill. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor say Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The ballot is cast and the member from Salem, Rep. Donna P. Sytek is the duly-elected Speaker of the 1997-1998 House of Representatives. The Chair requests that Reps. Wheeler and Burling escort Rep. Sytek, Mr. John Sytek and their daughter Mary to the rostrum. Congratulations, Madam Speaker.

(Speaker Sytek in the Chair)

Rep. Sytek: Thank you all so very much for making this moment possible. Thanks to all of you for being here to vote for me today and to Donnalee and to Neal and to Peter for their kind words. I really appreciate it. Thanks to my family for supporting me and encouraging me, especially my husband John who was the first one who dragged me kicking and screaming into politics. He created a monster. Thanks to our daughter, Mary, who, since first grade, has had to endure a steady diet of politics at our kitchen table. And, thanks to the most surprised person in this Hall today, my mother, whose unconditional love allowed me to grow from a painfully shy schoolgirl to the elected leader of the largest legislative body in this country. Thank you, Mom. I only wish that my father had lived to see this day. Since the caucuses last week, I've been overwhelmed with the outpouring of good wishes from all quarters. You can't imagine how wonderful it has been - from Democrats and Republicans I have served with over the years, from family friends I've known since childhood, from legions of people in all branches of state government, from former governors, and from members of the press and from just plain folks here and at home. I'm off to a wonderful start with all that good will and confidence in my ability to lead. Working together, I'm sure that we can make it last until at least June. A lot has been made here of at least one aspect of today's proceedings. Yes, I am the first woman Speaker. But women have been serving with distinction, doing yeoman duty in this House for years. Caroline Gross, whose picture hangs on the wall in this very Hall, established a standard for Majority Leaders and indeed all legislators, to strive to measure up to. Old timers like me will

remember the wisdom of Betty Greene, the wit of Sarah Townsend, the energy of Minnie Carswell and the tenacity of Kay Ward. Really old timers will remember my very first Chairman, Martha Frizzell, who demonstrated that you didn't have to be a lawyer to chair the Judiciary Committee. Of course, there were many more. All of these women blazed the trail for today's milestone. I'm just the first one to cross the threshold and to have the title, Speaker of the House. I know all of you share my optimism about the upcoming session. We will face some difficult issues and we may even find ourselves with differing opinions from time to time. But we shouldn't shrink from debate. The open exchange of ideas strengthens us as members and strengthens the legislative process. It also allows the public to know that their elected officials are mindful of all aspects of an issue. We must never forget that we are here to do the public business, the business of all the people of New Hampshire. We must treat them and each other with respect. During the next session, we will continue the open and fair process that was Speaker Burns' hallmark. We'll also strive to improve communications so that every member is well-informed and can participate fully in the process. I want every member to have a chance to make a contribution, to leave his or her imprint on our legislative product. While each individual member's voice must be heard, it is also critical that the voice of the whole House has resonance. We will be ready, as a House, to assume our rightful place as an equal with the Senate and equal with the Governor in crafting New Hampshire's future. For almost 20 years it has been my pleasure to participate in the work of this institution. I'm excited and I'm humbled to have the chance to be your presiding officer. I thank you for this wonderful privilege. I pledge to do my very best so that every one of us can say, "I'm proud to be a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives". Thank you very much.

APPOINTMENTS

The Speaker made the following appointments:

Deputy Speaker, Donnalee M. Lozeau.

Speaker Pro Tempore, Channing T. Brown.

Majority Leader, Robert L. Wheeler

Majority Whip, Warren C. Henderson

Democratic Leader, Peter Hoe Burling

Deputy Democratic Leader, Amanda A. Merrill

The Speaker appointed the Committee on Administrative Rules:

Rep. Robert S. Mercer

Rep. Merton S. Dyer

Rep. Lawrence A. Emerton

Rep. Marion L. Copenhaver

Rep. William H. McCann, Jr.

Alternates: Reps. Avis B. Nichols and Miriam D. Dunn.

The Speaker appointed the House members to the Committee on Legislative Facilities:

Rep. Donna Sytek

Rep. Robert L. Wheeler

Rep. Channing T. Brown

Rep. Neal M. Kurk

Rep. Donnalee M. Lozeau

Rep. Peter Hoe Burling

Alternate: Rep. Warren C. Henderson.

ELECTION OF HOUSE OFFICERS

The Speaker declared nominations were in order for Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Rep. David Welch placed in nomination the name of Karen O. Wadsworth for Clerk.

Rep. Linda Foster seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the chair declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Karen O. Wadsworth and declared Karen O. Wadsworth elected Clerk.

Rep. McNamara placed in nomination the name of Leo J. Callahan for Assistant Clerk.

Rep. Wheeler seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Leo J. Callahan and declared Leo J. Callahan elected Assistant Clerk.

Rep. Gene Chandler placed in nomination the name of Rob Johnson for Sergeant-at-Arms.

Rep. Nordgren seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Rob Johnson and declared Rob Johnson elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

RESOLUTION

Reps. Wheeler and Burling offered the following:

RESOLVED, that the House inform the Honorable Senate it has organized and is ready to meet with the Senate in Joint Convention for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State and a State Treasurer.

Adopted.

SENATE MESSAGE

The Senate has met and organized and has elected as its officers: Sen. Joseph L. Delahunty, President; Gloria Randlett, Clerk; Lois Schmelzer, Assistant Clerk; Henry Wilson, Sergeant-at-Arms and Emile Martineau, Doorkeeper.

SENATE MESSAGE

The Senate is ready to meet with the House of Representatives for the purpose of electing the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer.

JOINT CONVENTION (Speaker Sytek presiding)

The Chair declared nominations were in order for Secretary of State.

Rep. Teschner placed the name of William M. Gardner in nomination for Secretary of State. Sens. Blaisdell and Barnes seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declare nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Mr. Gardner.

The Chair declared Mr. Gardner duly elected Secretary of State.

The Chair declared nominations were in order for State Treasurer.

Sen. Fraser placed the name of Georgie A. Thomas in nomination for State Treasurer. Rep. Channing Brown seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Mrs. Thomas.

The Chair declared Mrs. Thomas duly elected State Treasurer.

Rep. Teschner and Sen. Fraser escorted Mr. Gardner and Mrs. Thomas to the rostrum.

The Chair administered the oath of office to Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Thomas. Ms. Wadsworth, Mr. Callahan and Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Gardner and Mrs. Thomas addressed the Joint Convention.

Sen. Blaisdell and Rep. Wheeler moved that the Joint Convention arise.

Adopted.

The Joint Convention adjourned.

Reps. Wheeler and Burling offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, that the House adopt the 1996 session house rules, subject to amendments, and fixing January 30, 1997, as the date through which the house rules may be amended by majority vote.

Rep. Wheeler spoke in favor.

Adopted.

Reps. Wheeler and Burling offered an amendment to House Rules 29 and 65.

Amendment (____)

Amend house rule 29 to read as follows:

(1) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Commerce~~[- Small Business, Consumer Affairs and Economic Development]~~ to consider all matters pertaining to commerce, banks and banking institutions; insurance companies and contracts or insurance of any character; the needs of the small business community; all matters relating to consumer affairs and the economic conditions of commerce and industry; all matters relating to the economic development of the state, and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Committee on ~~[Constitutional and Statutory Revision]~~ *Election Law* to consider all matters ~~[concerning the Constitution, including proposed Constitutional Amendments and any proposals for revision of the Constitution; matters]~~ relating to the election laws of the state, ~~[the repeal or recodification of existing statutes, and other matters relating to the statutes of the State;]~~ *including campaign finance, the Ballot Law Commission, and redistricting*, and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Committee on ~~[Corrections and]~~ *Criminal Justice and Public Safety* to consider all matters relating to criminal justice, the Department of Corrections, sentencing, drug enforcement, bail, probation, parole, corrections facilities, DWI, domestic violence, ~~[juveniles and the corrections system]~~ *juvenile delinquency, firearms, fireworks, police and fire training*, and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(4) ~~[It shall be the duty of the Committee on Public Protection and Veterans Affairs to consider all matters affecting public protection including, but not limited to, law enforcement and the training of law enforcement officers; fire safety; emergency management and all matters pertaining to the National Guard and other military or veterans' organizations existing within the state; and such matters as may be referred to it.]~~

It shall be the duty of the Committee on State-Federal Relations *and Veterans Affairs* to consider *all matters pertaining to the National Guard and other military or veterans' organizations within the state, emergency management*, potential actions by the U.S. Congress which will have a major impact on the state and the New England region, and all proposed resolutions petitioning the Congress on any matter; to ~~[develop]~~ *maintain* communication with the congressional delegation; to serve as a liaison between the New Hampshire House and the United States Congress~~[- the New England Legislative Caucus and such other legislative organizations to which state appropriations are made; to consider all interstate compacts and legislation affecting our relations with other states];~~ and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(5) It shall be the duty of the Committee on *Local and Regulated Revenues* to consider all matters relating to *local revenue, including fees, property taxes and exemptions*; the State Liquor Commission and the liquor laws of the state; the State Sweepstakes Commission and the sweepstakes laws of the state; the New Hampshire Pari-Mutuel Commission; and such other matters as may be referred to it.

Replace house rule 65 with the following:

65. Legislative action in the first-year session shall be subject to the following deadlines:

DECEMBER 13, 1996, Friday

Last day for all members to file LSRs, with complete information.

JANUARY 17, 1997, Friday

Last day for sign-off of all bills.

JANUARY 31, 1997, Friday

Last day to introduce all bills.

Rep. Wheeler spoke in favor.

Rep. Hemon requested that the question be divided. The Speaker ruled that the question was divisible.

The question now being the adoption of the portion of the proposed amendment to House Rule 29 relating to the Committee on Constitutional and Statutory Revision.

Rep. Hemon spoke against.

Reps. Holden and Wheeler spoke in favor.

Adopted.

The question now being the adoption of the remainder of the amendment to House Rules 29 and 65.

Adopted.

Reps. Carson and Amanda Merrill offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

RESOLVED, that the speaker appoint a committee of 3 to assign seats to members.

Adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Wheeler, Henderson and Below.

Reps. Daniels and Drabinowicz offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

RESOLVED, that the speaker appoint a committee of 3 to select a suitable person to serve as chaplain during the 1997 session of the legislature and to report such selection to the house for consideration.

Adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Wheeler, Channing Brown and Yeaton.

Reps. David Welch and Dunn offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

RESOLVED, that action taken at all sessions of the house of representatives be recorded on tapes through the public address system, and that the tapes be used by the clerk to confirm and correct the permanent journal. The permanent journal as prepared by the clerk and as may be corrected by the house shall be the official record of the house.

Adopted.

Reps. Lozeau and Burnham offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

RESOLVED, that the speaker be authorized to employ such personnel as she deems necessary; and that the compensation of such personnel be fixed by the speaker, with the approval of the house subcommittee of the committee on legislative facilities, in accordance with RSA 17-E:5.

Adopted.

Reps. Holden and Hall offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

RESOLVED, that the following policy be established for the distribution of house calendars and journals, bills, and resolutions to the general public, not to include members of the general court and state departments:

1. Every person is entitled, free of charge, to one copy of any publication at the legislative counter, or to have the publication mailed to that person upon individual request for one such copy.
2. Persons requesting copies of all publications for the entire session will be charged a fee sufficient to cover postage, envelopes, and handling. Such fees may be prorated when service is received for portions of the session only. All fees are payable in advance. The subscriber list may be submitted for legislative accounting and auditing purposes, but is not for publication or sale.
3. All fees charged for publications in accordance with this resolution shall be fixed with the approval of the speaker, paid into the state treasury, and credited to the legislative appropriation.

Adopted.

Reps. Arnold and Turgeon offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

RESOLVED, that members will be paid their legislative salaries, as provided in the constitution, in the month of January 1997; and that mileage of members of the house be paid every 2 weeks during the session.

Adopted.

Reps. Guay and Hawkinson offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

RESOLVED, that the speaker, after consultation with the minority leader, may cancel a scheduled meeting of the house in the event of severe weather which would make it dangerous, in the speaker's opinion, for members to come to Concord for the session, provided the speaker makes notification of such cancellation; and

That any member who travels to Concord, or who is already in Concord on legislative business, on any day that a meeting of the house is cancelled under the authority of this resolution, shall be entitled to legislative mileage for such attendance on legislative business.

Adopted.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Wheeler offered the following: RESOLVED, that the House now adjourn from the early session, that the business of the late session be in order at the present time, that the reading of bills be by title only and resolutions by caption only and that all bills ordered to third reading be read a third time by this resolution, and that all titles of bills be the same as adopted, and that they be passed at the present time, and when the House adjourns today it be to meet Wednesday, January 8, 1997 at 1:00 p.m..

Adopted.

LATE SESSION

Third reading and final passage

HR 1, relative to adopting the rules of the 1996 session.

HR 2, relative to seat assignments.

HR 3, relative to selecting a House Chaplain.

HR 4, relative to recording House sessions and the permanent journal.

HR 5, relative to the Speaker employing personnel per RSA 17-E:5.

HR 6, relative to the distribution of House publications.

HR 7, relative to legislative salary and mileage payments.

HR 8, relative to canceling scheduled meetings of the House during severe weather.

RECESS MOTION

Rep. Wheeler moved that the House stand in recess for the purpose of introduction of bills only.

Adopted.

The House recessed at 3:15 p.m..

RECESS
(Speaker Sytek in the Chair)

The Speaker appointed Standing Committees of the House as follows:

COMMERCE

REPUBLICANS

Hunt, John B., Chairman
Carson, Gregory G., Vice Chairman
Briefs, Geoffrey C.
Dowd, Sandra K.
Flora, Kathleen M.
Francoeur, Sheila T.
Gage, Beverly, A.
Herman, Keith R.
Hurt, George
Krueger, Richard H.
Lindblade, Eric N.
McGough, Tim S.
Mittelman, David T.
Spear, Barbara L.

DEMOCRATS

Syracusa, Anthony
Clark, Martha Fuller
Crosby, Toni M.
Luker, Elsa M.
McCarthy, William J.
Russell, Ronald G.
Reardon, Tara G.
Vachon, Dennis P.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

REPUBLICANS

Welch, David A., Chairman
Christie, Andrew, Jr., Vice Chairman
Adams, Stephen J.
Chase, Paul K., Jr.
Dunham, Vivian, L.
Hansen, Herbert R.
Hunter, Bruce F.
Lyman, L. Randy
MacIntyre, Doris R.
Mikowski, Walter J.
Morrill, Olive B.
Sargent, Maxwell D.
Tholl, John E., Jr.

DEMOCRATS

Knowles, William V.
Berube, Roger R.
Cardin, Lori
Coulombe, Yvonne
Doucette, Richard F.
Micklon, Stephanie K.
Schanda, Frank M.
Wiggins, Celestine K.

EDUCATION

REPUBLICANS

DEMOCRATS

Belvin, William S., Chairman
O'Hearn, Jane E., Vice Chairman
Colburn, Kathleen A.
Dearborn, Bruce L.
Durham, Susan B.
Franks, Suzan, L.R.
Hill, Richard L.
Larrabee, David E.
Luebker, Bernard J.
Marcinkowski, Michael F.
Searles, Stanley N., Sr.
Tufts, J. Arthur
Weber, Phil A.
Wright, George W.

Guest, Robert H.
Champagne, Richard L.
Estabrook, Iris
Jean, Claudette R.
Pelletier, Arthur J.
Riley, William A.
Snyder, Clair A.
Yeaton, Charles B.

ELECTION LAW

REPUBLICANS

Arndt, Janet S., Chairman
Arnold, Thomas I., Jr., Vice Chairman
Flanagan, Natalie S., Chairman Emeritus
Boutin, David R.
Dube, LeRoy S.
Gibbons, Paul A.
Hart, Nick
Horton, Lynn C.
Krueger, Patricia
Langley, Jane S.
Root, John M.
Stritch, Charles D.
Torr, Ann M.

DEMOCRATS

Buckley, Raymond C., III
Almy, Susan W.
Brown, George F.
Clemons, Jane A.
Foster, Joseph A.
Hilliard, Dana S.
McDonald, James H., Sr.
Weatherspoon, Jackie K.

ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

REPUBLICANS

Musler, George T., Chairman
Trelfa, Richard T., Vice Chairman
Alger, John R.M.
Aranda, M. Kathryn
Babson, David L., Jr.
Davis, Perley E.
Leishman, Peter R.

DEMOCRATS

Hall, Betty B.
Brennan, William P.
Callaghan, Frank A.
Clemons, Kevin J.
Heath, John B.
Meador, David R.
Melcher, Harold P.

Marshall, Kenneth R.
McRae, Karen K.
Messier, Irene M.
Philbrick, Donald R.
Phinney, William R.
Pratt, Leighton C.
Tsiros, William

Owen, Derek

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

REPUBLICANS

Mercer, Robert S., Chairman
Dyer, Merton S., Vice Chairman
Beaulieu, Jon P.
Cooper, Kipp A.
Dickinson, Howard C., Jr.
Dodge, Robert K.
Goulet, Maurice E.
Holley, Sylvia A.
Langer, Ray F.
Moore, Benjamin E.
Peterson, Andrew R.
Pilliod, James P.
Steere, Myron S., III
Stickney, Nancy C.

DEMOCRATS

Asselin, Robert P.
Drabinowicz, A. Theresa
Dunn, Miriam D.
Gile, Mary Stuart
Gosselin, Gerald O.
Murphy, Robert E.
Reidy, Frank J.
Robertson, Timothy N.

FINANCE

REPUBLICANS

Kurk, Neal M., Chairman
Torr, Franklin G., Vice Chairman
Alukonis, David J.
Brown, Mary E.
Camm, Kevin L.
Chandler, Earle W.
Dowling, Patricia A.
Feng, David S.
Holbrook, Robert G.
Johnson, Robert A.
Klemm, Arthur P., Jr.
Nichols, Avis B.
Riley, Frances L.

DEMOCRATS

Wallner, Mary Jane
Allen, W. Gordon
Cote, David E.
DeStefano, Stephen T.
Dwyer, Paul J., Sr.
Hawkinson, Marie C.
Lynch, Margaret A.
Nordgren, Sharon L.
Vaughn, Charles L.

Sullens, Joan C.
Thulander, O. Alan
Weyler, Kenneth L.

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Ziegra, Alice S., Vice Chairman
Foster, Robert W., Chairman Emeritus
Amidon, Eleanor H.
Batula, Peter L.
Boyce, Robert K.
Case, Margaret A.
Chabot Robert F.
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