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On the first Wednesday in December in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight, it being the day designated by the Constitution for assembling, the one hundred and fifty-sixth 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, Clerk of the House for the preceding session.

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

O God of peace and compassion, make us hungry for Your wisdom and thirsty for Your justice. Help us to treasure the preciousness of new beginnings and to remain faithful to the stirrings of Your spirit. When we grow complacent or discouraged give us the energy of Your hope so that all of us may work in harmony for the well-being of our common home: the land and people of New Hampshire. Amen.

Rep.-elect Densmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps.-elect Carlson, Gene Marshall, Mikowski, Searles and Whittemore, the day illness.

Reps.-elect Haley and Lefebvre, the day, important business.

Rep.-elect Wiggins, the day, death in the family.

CALL OF THE ROLL

BELKNAP COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (2)	Thomas J. Boriso, r; David M. Lawton, r
Dist. No. 2 (2)	Thomas Salatiello, d; Francine Wendelboe, r
Dist. No. 3 (2)	James P. Pilliod, r; John H. Thomas, r
Dist. No. 4 (2)	James M. Johnson, r; Alida I. Millham, r
Dist. No. 5 (3)	Robert K. Boyce, r; Stanley Czech, r; Paul A. Golden, r
Dist. No. 6 (1)	Gordon E. Bartlett, r
Dist. No. 7 (6)	Robert G. Holbrook, r; Robert M. Lawton, r; Thomas Rice, Jr., r; Ralph J. Rosen, r; Robert H. Turner, r; Jane Wood, d

CARROLL COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1)	Gene G. Chandler, r&d
Dist. No. 2 (2)	elected, not sworn; Howard C. Dickinson, r
Dist. No. 3 (1)	Henry P. Mock, r
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Donald Philbrick, r
Dist. No. 5 (2)	David L. Babson, Jr., r; L. Randy Lyman, r
Dist. No. 6 (1)	elected, not sworn
Dist. No. 7 (1)	Kenneth MacDonald, r
Dist. No. 8 (1)	Jeb E. Bradley, r
Dist. No. 9 (1)	Betsey L. Patten, r
Dist. No. 10 (2)	Godfrey G. Howard, r; Gary Torressen, r

CHESHIRE COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1)	Paul McGuirk, d
Dist. No. 2 (2)	Robert Batchelder, d; John M. Pratt, d
Dist. No. 3 (1)	McKim W. Mitchell, d
Dist. No. 4 (1)	William E. Roberts, r
Dist. No. 5 (1)	Irene A. Pratt, d
Dist. No. 6 (1)	Edwin O. Smith, r
Dist. No. 7 (1)	William A. Riley, d
Dist. No. 8 (2)	Stephen G. Avery, r; Daniel M. Burnham, d
Dist. No. 9 (2)	Joseph P. Manning, r; H. Charles Royce, r
Dist. No. 10 (1)	John B. Hunt, r
Dist. No. 11 (2)	Alfred Lerandeau, d; Margaret E. Lynott, d
Dist. No. 12 (1)	Barbara H. Richardson, d
Dist. No. 13 (1)	William B. Rose, 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)	Roger Zerba, d
Dist. No. 18 (1)	Timothy N. Robertson, d
Dist. No. 19 (3)	Michael J. Blaisdell, 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)	Dana Landers, d
Dist. No. 3 (1)	Lynn C. Horton, r&d
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Leighton C. Pratt, r
Dist. No. 5 (1)	John E. Tholl, Jr., r

Dist. No. 6 (2) Sara B. Glines, d; Lawrence J. Guay, r

Dist. No. 7 (5) Marie C. Hawkinson, d; Edgar H. Mears, d; Robert Rodrigue, d;

Paul E. St. Hilaire, r; David Woodward, r

GRAFTON COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (3) Stephanie Eaton, r; G. Michael Gilman, r; Brien L. Ward, r

Dist. No. 2 (1) elected, not sworn

Dist. No. 3 (1) Jessica Densmore, d

Dist. No. 4 (1) Bonnie D. Ham, r

Dist. No. 5 (2) John S. Cobb, r; Paul I. LaMott, r

Dist. No. 6 (2) Richard S. Brothers, r; Gary L. Johnson, d

Dist. No. 7 (2) elected, not sworn; Allen K. MacNeil, r

Dist. No. 8 (2) Hobart M. Harmon, r; William R. Phinney, r

Dist. No. 9 (1) John R.M. Alger, r&d

Dist. No. 10 (4) Marion L. Copenhaver, d; Robert H. Guest, d;

Sharon L. Nordgren, d; Martha Solow, d

Dist. No. 11 (2) David M. Scanlan, r; Philip Weber, r

Dist. No. 12 (1) Paul M. Mirski, r

Dist. No. 13 (1) David A. Hall, r

Dist. No. 14 (4) Ralph L. Akins, r; Susan W. Almy, d; Terri C. Dudley, r; Al Picconi, r

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1) Richard P. Herman, d

Dist. No. 2 (1) Herbert R. Hansen, r

Dist. No. 3 (1) Maxwell D. Sargent, r

Dist. No. 4 (1) Pierre W. Bruno, r&d

Dist. No. 5 (2) Neal M. Kurk, r; Paul R. Perkins, r

Dist. No. 6 (1)	O. Alan Thulander, r
	Dist. No. 7 (5) Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr., r; Richard E. Fletcher, r; Bruce F. Hunter, r; Karen K. McRae, r; John C. Sarette, d
Dist. No. 8 (2)	Merton S. Dyer, r; Andrew R. Peterson, r
Dist. No. 9 (1)	James C. Curran, d&r
Dist. No. 10 (1)	Linda T. Foster, d&r
Dist. No. 11 (1)	Harold Melcher, d
Dist. No. 12 (1)	Pamela D. Coughlin, r
Dist. No. 13 (4)	Gary L. Daniels, r; Keith R. Herman, r; Peter R. Leishman, r; Tim O'Connell, r
Dist. No. 14 (3)	William S. Belvin, r; Cynthia J. Dokmo, r; Robert H. Rowe, r
Dist. No. 15 (4)	Kathleen M. Flora, r; Maurice E. Goulet, r; Edward P. Moran, Jr., r; Dennis Withee, r
Dist. No. 16 (1)	Peter F. Bergin, r
Dist. No. 17 (2)	Leon Calawa, Jr., r; Loren J. Jean, r
Dist. No. 18 (8)	Rose H. Arthur, d; Peter L. Batula, r; Robert W. Brundige, r; Dennis H. Fields, r; Robert J. L'Heureux, r; Timothy McGough, r; Robert H. Milligan, r; Mary M. Moriarty, d
Dist. No. 19 (1)	elected, not sworn
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; Nancy W. Wall, r
Dist. No. 23 (6)	David J. Alukonis, r; Lars T. Christiansen, r; Robert E. Clegg, Jr., r; Rudy Lessard, r; elected, not sworn; Joan C. Tate, r
Dist. No. 24 (3)	James J. Fenton, r; Harold V. Lynde, d; Philip J. McColgan, d

Dist. No. 25 (1)	Donald B. White, r
Dist. No. 26 (3)	Suzan L. R. Franks, r; Ruth Ginsburg, d; Jane E. O'Hearn, r
Dist. No. 27 (3)	Richard J. LaRose, r; Robert S. Mercer, r; Mary M. Ouellette, d
Dist. No. 28 (3)	Robert A. Daigle, d; Nancy M. Ford, r; elected, not sworn
Dist. No. 29 (3)	David E. Cote, d; Mary Gorman, d; Alphonse A. Haettenschwiller, d
Dist. No. 30 (3)	Harvey Keye, d; Donnalee Lozeau, r; William E. Mosher, r
Dist. No. 31 (3)	Jane A. Clemons, d; elected, not sworn; Leslie Mendenhall, d
Dist. No. 32 (3)	Lucien Bergeron, d; Peter R. Cote, d; Claudette R. Jean, d
Dist. No. 33 (3)	Eileen P. Dawe, r; Christine M. Konys, d; Bette R. Lasky, d
Dist. No. 34 (3)	Frederick Andrews, r; Mary Ellen Martin, d; Dawn C. Nolan-Piteri, r
Dist. No. 35 (1)	Griffin T. Dalianis, r&d
Dist. No. 36 (1)	A. Theresa Drabinowicz, d
Dist. No. 37 (3)	Linda L. Garrish, d; Jeff Goley, d; Sandra Reeves, r
Dist. No. 38 (3)	Richard F. Ahern, d; James W. Craig, d; Winston H. McCarty, r
Dist. No. 39 (3)	George A. LaPorte, d; Peter F. Leonard, d; Carol Ann Williams, d
Dist. No. 40 (3)	Lionel W. Johnson, d; Leo P. Pepino, r; Anthony F. Simon, d
Dist. No. 41 (3)	William J. McCarthy, d; James A. McDonald, Sr., d; Alice McDonough-Wallace, d
Dist. No. 42 (3)	Benjamin C. Baroody, d; Robert E. Murphy, d; Dean Ouellette, r
Dist. No. 43 (3)	Vivian J. Desmarais, r; Paul J. Dwyer, Sr., d; elected, not sworn
Dist. No. 44 (3)	Roland O. Beaupre, r; Raymond C. Buckley, d; Steve Vaillancourt, d
Dist. No. 45 (3)	James A. Burkush, d; William J. Desrosiers, r; Andre A. Martel, r
Dist. No. 46 (3)	Irene M. Messier, r; Frank J. Reidy, d; John M. White, d
Dist. No. 47 (3)	Judy Courchesne, d; Marc Pappas, r; Roland M. Turgeon, d
Dist. No. 48 (3)	Robert Chabot, r; Eugene L. Gagnon, r; Paul E. Gagnon, d

MERRIMACK COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (2)	Richard P. Brewster, r; William E. Leber, r
Dist. No. 2 (3)	Peter Crowell, r; Alf E. Jacobson, r; Avis B. Nichols, r
Dist. No. 3 (2)	Barbara Conner French, d; Elizabeth Rodd, d
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Kenneth R. Marshall, r
Dist. No. 5 (1)	Michael D. Whalley, r
Dist. No. 6 (1)	Derek Owen, d
Dist. No. 7 (3)	Eric Anderson, r; George W. Chase, d; Richard E. Kennedy, r
Dist. No. 8 (1)	Gerard L. St. Cyr, d
Dist. No. 9 (4)	David E. Larrabee, Sr., r; Priscilla P. Lockwood, r; Roy D. Maxfield, r; Carolyn A. Virtue, d
Dist. No. 10 (2)	Tony F. Soltani, r; Charles B. Yeaton, d
Dist. No. 11 (3)	David W. Hess, r; Ray F. Langer, r; Richard Marple, r
Dist. No. 12 (4)	Gabriel J. Daneault, d; Francis W. Davis, r; Janet Fortnam, d; Gerard H. Lavoie, r
Dist. No. 13 (3)	Bronwyn Asplund, r; Martin Feuerstein, r; elected, not sworn
Dist. No. 14 (1)	David Poulin, 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 Hager, r
Dist. No. 19 (1)	Carol Moore, d
Dist. No. 20 (1)	Toni M. Crosby, d
Dist. No. 21 (1)	Marilyn A. Fraser, d
Dist. No. 22 (1)	Candace W. Bouchard, d

Dist. No. 23 (1) Tara G. Reardon, d&r

Dist. No. 24 (3) Elizabeth K. Hoadley, r; Frances D. Potter, d; 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 Nowe, r&d

Dist. No. 4 (1) Mary Lou Nowe, r&d

Dist. No. 5 (1) C. Donald 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) Albert W. Hamel, r

Dist. No. 11 (1) Jon P. Beaulieu, r

Dist. No. 12 (3) Franklin C. Bishop, r; Richard E. Dolan, r; Marian E. Lovejoy, r

Dist. No. 13 (11) Patricia A. Dowling, r; Robert M. Fesh, r; Paul A. Gibbons, r;

John P. Gleason, r; George N. Katsakiores, r;

Phyllis M. Katsakiores, r; John S. Langone, r; Robert
Letourneau, r; Norma A. Sabella, r; Frank V. Sapareto, r;
William R. Zolla, r

Dist. No. 14 (1) Natalie S. Flanagan, r

Dist. No. 15 (2) Ed M. Putnam, II, r; Neil J. Reardon, r

Dist. No. 16 (2) Norman L. Major, r; Marie N. Rabideau, r

Dist. No. 17 (2) Vivian R. Clark, r; Kenneth R. Grant, r

Dist. No. 18 (4) John W. Flanders, Sr., r; David A. Welch, r; Kenneth L. Weyler, r;

John Whittier, r

Dist. No. 19 (3)	Dennis F. Abbott, d; Frank M. Schanda, d; Richard C. Shelton, d
Dist. No. 20 (5)	David A. Flanders, r; Warren Henderson, r; Marshall E. Quandt, r; J. Arthur Tufts, r; elected, not sworn
Dist. No. 21 (3)	Benjamin E. Moore, r; Patricia M. O'Keefe, d; E. Albert Weare, r
Dist. No. 22 (5)	Russell D. Bridle, r; Andrew Christie, Jr., r; Sheila T. Francoeur, r; Jane Kelley, d; Michael O'Neil, r
Dist. No. 23 (1)	Bruce L. Dearborn, r
Dist. No. 24 (2)	Russell N. Cox, r; Jane S. Langley, r
Dist. No. 25 (3)	C. David Corbin, r; George R. Rubin, r; Walter D. Ruffner, r
Dist. No. 26 (9)	Ronald J. Belanger, r; Richard T. Cooney, r; Janeen Dalrymple, r; Michael W. Downing, d; Richard Noyes, r; Anne K. Priestley, r; Bernard J. Raynowska, r; Nancy C. Stickney, r; Donna Sytek, r
Dist. No. 27 (3)	Janet S. Arndt, r; Anthony R. DiFruscia, r; Mary E. Griffin, r
Dist. No. 28 (1)	Charles Morse, r
Dist. No. 29 (7)	Gregory G. Carson, r; Vivian L. Dunham, r; Karen K. Hutchinson, r; Betsy McKinney, r; elected, not sworn; Sherman A. Packard, r; 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)	MaryAnn N. Blanchard, d; Betsy Shultis, d
Dist. No. 34 (1)	James R. Splaine, d
Dist. No. 35 (2)	Jacqueline A. Pitts, d; Charles L. Vaughn, d
Dist. No. 36 (1)	Martha Fuller Clark, d

STRAFFORD COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1)	David A. Bickford, r
Dist. No. 2 (1)	Robert E. McKinley, r&d
Dist. No. 3 (2)	elected, not sworn; William Tsiros, r
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Dennis P. Vachon, d
Dist. No. 5 (1)	Nancy K. Johnson, d
Dist. No. 6 (2)	Marlene M. DeChane, d; George T. Musler, r
Dist. No. 7 (1)	Naida Kaen, d&r
Dist. No. 8 (4)	Iris W. Estabrook, d; Donald Lent, d; Marjorie K. Smith, d; Judith Spang, d
Dist. No. 9 (1)	Janet G. Wall, d&r
Dist. No. 10 (1)	Michael S. Rollo, d
Dist. No. 11 (4)	Gary Gilmore, d; William V. Knowles, d; Kathleen N. Taylor, d; Phyllis Woods, r
	Dist. No. 12 (4) Baldwin Domingo, d; Arthur J. Pelletier, d; Marsha L. Pelletier, d; Franklin G. Torr, r
Dist. No. 13 (1)	Joseph R. Twardus, d
Dist. No. 14 (4)	Roger R. Berube, d; Richard F. Heon, d; Clair A. Snyder, d; Francis C. Vincent, d
Dist. No. 15 (2)	Frank D. Callaghan, d; Rose Marie Rogers, d
Dist. No. 16 (2)	William P. Brennan, d; Sandra B. 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)	Larry J. Cossette, r; Anne C. Grassie, d

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1)	Peter Hoe Burling, d
Dist. No. 2 (1)	Richard C. Leone, r
Dist. No. 3 (1)	Constance A. Jones, r
Dist. No. 4 (3)	Gordon B. Flint, r; David Kibbey, r; elected, not sworn
Dist. No. 5 (1)	John Tuthill, i&d
Dist. No. 6 (1)	David A. Young, r
Dist. No. 7 (1)	James Phinizy, d
Dist. No. 8 (1)	John R. Cloutier, d
Dist. No. 9 (1)	Amy E. Robb-Theroux, d&r
Dist. No. 10 (1)	David C. Allison, d
Dist. No. 11 (2)	Thomas E. Donovan, d; Sara McIntyre, d

With 386 members-elect having answered the call of the roll, a quorum was declared present.

RESOLUTION

Representatives-elect Burling, Scanlan, Sytek and Weyler 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

Alyssa Lyn Virtue, Barbara A. Ryan, Andy LaBrie and Charles MacKelvie, daughter, sister and guests of Rep.-elect Virtue. Carey, Will and Sam Rodd, Betty Hague and Carol Adams, husband, sons and guests of Rep.-elect Rodd. Velda and Patrick Ruffner, wife and son of Rep.-elect Ruffner. Jean Piccone, wife of Rep.-elect Piccone. Phyllis, Anne, Kendall and Thomas Burkush, mother, wife, daughter and son of Rep.-elect Burkush. Louise, Cassandra, Nicholas, Ginny and John Bridle, wife, children and guests of Rep.-elect Bridle. Lorraine Shelton, wife of Rep.-elect Shelton. Drs. David and

Mary Potter, Devon, Aldis, Lisa and Ian Gamble, brother, sister-in-law, daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren of Rep.-elect Potter. Arnold Priestley, husband of Rep.-elect Priestley. Liz Kotowski, daughter of Rep.-elect Shultis. Roger and Michael Dudley, husband and son of Rep.-elect Dudley. Shirley Cobb, wife of Rep.-elect Cobb. Dr. Bruce Reeves, Kim and Todd Reeves, Dr. Calvin Maybury, Judy Peterson, Fran Colquitt and Toni Pappas, husband, daughter, son and guests of Rep.-elect Reeves. Robert Fortnam, Winona and Howard Blake, Karen and Lindsay Pence and Benjamin Hart, husband and family of Rep.-elect Fortnam. Virginia Bridle and Thomas Gillick, guests of Reps.-elect Kelley, O'Neil, and Francoeur. Patrick Wood and Michelle Neinas, husband and daughter of Rep.-elect Jane Wood. Melissa, Alysha, Andrew, Alfred and Lorna Torressen, Joseph, Nancy and Lesley Hart, wife, daughter, son, parents and in-laws of Rep.-elect Torressen. Jonathan Garrish and Joy and Russell Lowe, son, sister and brother-in-law of Rep.-elect Garrish. Susan and Emma Morse and Doris Deputy, wife, daughter and mother of Rep.-elect Morse. Samantha and Gina Piteri, David, Anne and Connor Nolan and Robert Delosa, daughters, parents, nephew and guest of Rep.-elect Nolan-Piteri. Dorothea and Matthew Quandt, wife and son of Rep.-elect Quandt. Barry Langer, son of Rep.-elect Langer. Ernest Courchesne, husband of Rep.-elect Courchesne. Victoria and Collin Warner-Thigpen, Martin and Diane Tirrell, Robert French, Paul King, John Holm-Warner, Dr. Deborah Warner, John Bosk and Justin Gilman, guests of Rep.-elect Gilman. Linda Luhtala, guest of Rep.-elect Wendleboe. Daryl and Andrea Czech, wife and daughter of Rep.-elect Czech. Kathy Scanlan, wife of Rep.-elect Scanlan. Former NH Rep. Kathy Rogers, guest of Rep.-elect Wallin. Michelle Gallon, and family of Rep.-elect Withee. Margaret Anne Kennedy, daughter of Rep.-elect Kennedy. Ron and Donna Francoeur, Penny Hamilton and Joe Barney, husband, daughter and guests of Rep.-elect Francoeur. Carol O'Neil and Kelly O'Neil-Fish, wife and daughter of Rep.-elect O'Neil. Brenda and Major Kevin Major, wife and son of Rep.-elect Major. Phyllis Raynowska, wife of Rep.-elect Raynowska. John and William Coughlin, husband and son of Rep.-elect Coughlin. Sheila Whittier, wife of Rep.-elect Whittier. Barbara Brewster, wife of Rep.-elect Brewster. John Pelletier, son of Reps.-elect Arthur and Marsha Pelletier. Janice Batula and Carrie and Amanda Morris wife, daughter and granddaughter of Rep.-elect Batula. Constance Hamill, guest of Rep.-elect Hamill. Mark, Bruce and Page Mendenhall, Cynthia Sweeney and Maguerite Page, the husband, son, daughter, mother and grandmother of Rep.-elect Mendenhall. Joan Plimpton, Drew, Sam, Peter, and George Harmon and Col. Charles Pickering, fiancée, sons, brother, nephew and guest of Rep.-elect Harmon. Anne-Marie Letourneau, Margret Valcourt, Diane, Sarah and Marrisha Gallien, wife, mother, daughter and granddaughters of Rep.-elect Letourneau. Arline Fletcher, wife of Rep.-elect Fletcher. Janet Rose, wife of Rep.-elect Rose. Milvia Mosher, wife of Rep.-elect Mosher. Simone, Matthew, and Lauren Martel, Simone Martel Binette and Sister Rita Martel, wife, son, daughter, mother and sister of Rep.-elect Martel. Noreen and Deana O'Connell, wife and mother of Rep.-elect O'Connell. Joan Noyes, wife of Rep.-elect Noyes. Tina Dooley, guest of Rep.-elect Larabee. Robin and Lucy Lent and Norma Segal, wife, daughter and mother-in-law of Rep.-elect Lent. Former NH Rep. Robert Lockwood, husband of Rep.-elect Lockwood. Elizabeth, David and Michelle Batchelder and Jaime Hernandez, wife, son, granddaughter and grand-nephew of Rep.-elect Batchelder. Wally Stickney, husband of Rep.-elect Stickney. Fassnacht Curran, wife of Rep.-elect Curran. Karen Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall, wife and parents of Rep.-elect David Hall. Robert, Hunkey, Robert and Tony Rodrigue and Jed George, parents, grandparents and guest of Rep. Rodrigue. Clarence and Glenna Daniels and Kay Myrick, parents and guest of Rep.-elect Daniels. Mary Lou Bergeron, wife of Rep.-elect Bergeron. Former NH Reps. William Boucher, Kenneth Malcolm and Donald Gorman, guests of the House. Kathleen, Kara and Daniel DiFruscia, wife, daughter and son of Rep.-elect DiFruscia. David Welch, guest of Rep.-elect Buckley. Ruth Dorey and Deanna Rollo, guests of Rep.-elect Rollo. Lew Dokmo, husband of Rep.-elect Dokmo. Elsie Domingo, wife of Rep.-elect Domingo. Alicia, Deirdre and Sharon Carson, daughters and wife of Rep.-elect Carson. Moira Burnham, wife of Rep.-elect Burnham. Ann Lemmon, guest of Rep.-elect Bradley. Jed Bouchard, Catherine Rogers and Cristine and Katlyn Dasey, son and guests of Rep.-elect Bouchard. Sara-ann and Laurette Sarette, wife and mother of Rep.-elect Sarette. Connie Stone, wife of Rep.-elect Stone. Chuck Grassie, husband of Rep.-elect Grassie. Charles Bergin, father of Rep.-elect Bergin. Ellen Chase, guest of Rep.-elect Owen. Former NH Rep. Robert Dodge, guest of Rep.-elect Hoadley. Helen Masner,

Stephanie and Stacy Clark, Ellen Svenson and Wendy Clay, guests of Rep.-elect Mary Ouellette. Judy Wisch, Pam Butler and Carole Perry, guests of Rep.-elect Richard Herman.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Governor, Jeanne Shaheen, 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, James A. Normand 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

Reps. Burling, Scanlan, Sytek and Weyler moved that the rules of the 1998 House of Representatives, in conjunction with the proposed ground rules, shall be the rules of the elections by the House and the Joint Convention.

Adopted.

The Chair declared that nominations for Speaker were in order.

Rep. Buckley placed the name of Rep. Burling in nomination for Speaker. Rep. Copenhaver seconded the nomination.

Rep. Hager placed the name of Rep. Scanlan in nomination for Speaker. Rep. Franks seconded the nomination.

Rep. Jacobson placed the name of Rep. Sytek in nomination for Speaker. Reps. Patten and Whalley seconded the nomination.

Rep. McRae placed the name of Rep. Weyler in nomination for Speaker. Reps. Donald White and Christiansen seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed.

After the nominations were closed, the Chair, at the request of the candidates, named Reps. Wallin and Vaillancourt as tellers for Rep. Burling; Reps. Keans and David Hall as tellers for Rep. Scanlan; Reps. Kurk and Clegg for Rep. Sytek and Reps. Alger and Milligan for Rep. Weyler to tally the vote.

RECESS

(Clerk in the Chair)

FIRST BALLOT

Of the 386 votes cast, 194 votes were needed for election. Rep. Burling received 153 votes, Rep. Scanlan received 18 votes, Rep. Sytek received 184 votes, Rep. Weyler received 30 votes and a non-candidate received 1 vote. No candidate was elected on the first ballot.

RECESS

(Clerk in the Chair)

No candidate having withdrawn, Rep. Burling spoke in favor of his nomination, Rep. Scanlan spoke in favor of his nomination, Reps. Chandler and Bradley spoke in favor of Rep. Sytek's nomination and Rep. Weyler spoke in favor of his nomination.

The Chair called for the second ballot.

After the balloting was closed, the Chair called for the appointed tellers to tally the votes.

RECESS

(Clerk in the Chair)

SECOND BALLOT

Of the 381 votes cast, 191 votes were needed for election. Rep. Burling received 149 votes, Rep. Scanlan received 23 votes, Rep. Sytek received 180 votes and Rep. Weyler received 29 votes. No candidate was elected on the second ballot.

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

Rep. Jacobson moved that the 15 minute recess rule be suspended and spoke in favor.

Rep. Dickinson spoke against.

The motion failed.

RECESS

(Clerk in the Chair)

No candidate having withdrawn, Rep. Scanlan spoke in favor of his nomination, Rep. Sytek spoke in favor of her nomination and Rep. Weyler spoke in favor of his nomination.

The Chair called for the third ballot.

After the balloting was closed, the Chair called for the appointed tellers to tally the votes.

RECESS

(Clerk in the Chair)

THIRD BALLOT

Of the 377 votes cast, 189 votes were needed for election, Rep. Burling received 148 votes, Rep. Scanlan received 26 votes, Rep. Sytek received 176 votes and Rep. Weyler received 27 votes. No candidate was elected on the third ballot.

RECESS

(Clerk in the Chair)

Rep. Weyler withdrew his name from nomination. Rep. Scanlan withdrew his name from nomination.

The Chair called for the fourth ballot.

After the balloting was closed, the Chair called for the appointed tellers for Reps. Burling and Sytek to tally the votes.

RECESS

(Clerk in the Chair)

FOURTH BALLOT

Of the 363 ballots cast, 178 votes were needed for election. There were 6 ballots cast for non-candidates. Rep. Burling received 148 votes and Rep. Sytek received 200 votes. The Chair declared Rep. Sytek duly elected Speaker of the House.

Rep. Burling moved that the vote for Rep. Sytek be made unanimous and spoke to his motion.

Adopted.

The Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Speaker Sytek, Mr. John Sytek and Mary Sytek to the rostrum.

The Speaker briefly addressed the House.

(Speaker Sytek in the Chair)

Without objection, the Speaker called for the Joint Convention prior to the election of House Officers.

RESOLUTION

Reps. Lozeau 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 MESSAGES

The Senate has met and organized and has elected as its officers: Sen. Clesson J. Blaisdell, President; Gloria Randlett, Clerk; Tammy Wright, Assistant Clerk; Henry Wilson, Sergeant-at-Arms and Emile Martineau, Doorkeeper.

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 Speaker called the joint convention to order.

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

Sens. Blaisdell and D'Allesandro placed the name of William M. Gardner in nomination for Secretary of State. Rep. Flanagan seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared 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.

Rep. Torr placed the name of Georgie A. Thomas in nomination for State Treasurer. Sen. Gordon seconded the nomination.

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

The Chair declared Ms. Thomas duly elected State Treasurer.

The Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Mr. Gardner and Ms. Thomas to the rostrum.

The Chair administered the oath of office to Mr. Gardner and Ms. Thomas.

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

Sen. Larson and Rep. Chandler moved that the Joint Convention arise.

Adopted.

The Joint Convention adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS

The Speaker made the following appointments.

Majority Leader, Rep. Gene G. Chandler.

Democratic Leader, Rep. Peter Hoe Burling.

ELECTION OF HOUSE OFFICERS

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

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

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

Rep. Copenhaver 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. Bradley placed in nomination the name of Rob Johnson for Sergeant-at-Arms.

Rep. Carol Moore 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.

The Speaker administered the oath of office to Ms. Wadsworth, Mr. Callahan and Mr. Johnson.

Reps. Chandler and Burling offered the following:

house resolution no. 1

RESOLVED, that the House adopt the rules of the 1998 legislative session and providing that house rules may be amended by a majority vote of the house on or before January 28, 1999.

Adopted.

Reps. Chandler and Burling offered an amendment to House Resolution No. 1.

Amendment (0001h)

Amend Rule 64 to read as follows:

64 – Legislative action in the first-year session shall be subject to the following deadlines:

December 15, 1998, Tuesday

Last day for all members to file LSR's, with complete information.

January 11, 1999, Monday

Last day for sign-off of all Claremont-related bills.

January 25, 1999, Monday

Last day for sign-off of all non-Claremont-related bills.

January 28, 1999, Thursday

Last day to amend house rules by majority vote.

Adopted.

Reps. Bradley and Burling 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. Lozeau, Chandler and Carol Moore.

Reps. Daniels and Burling 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 1999 session of the legislature and to report such selection to the house for consideration.

Adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Jacobson, Goulet and Naida Kaen.

Reps. Welch and Burling 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 Burling 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. Arndt and Burling 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 Burling 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 1999; and

That mileage of members of the house be paid every 2 weeks during the session.

Adopted.

Reps. Guay and Burling 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 or any other circumstance which would make it inadvisable, 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. Chandler offered the following: RESOLVED, that in accordance with the list in the possession of the Clerk, Senate Concurrent Resolution numbered 1 shall be by this resolution read a first and second time by the therein listed title.

Adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF SCR

First and second reading

SCR 1, urging the supreme court to issue a prompt ruling on certain specific issues transferred to the court by the public utilities commission on February 20, 1998. (Below, Dist. 5; Frederick King, Dist. 1; Cohen, Dist 24; Johnson, Dist 3; Bradley, Carr 8; Chandler, Carr 1; Burling, Sull 1)

suspension of rules

Without objection, the Speaker suspended the rules to permit consideration at the present time of SCR 1.

consideration of scr

SCR 1, urging the supreme court to issue a prompt ruling on certain specific issues transferred to the court by the public utilities commission on February 20, 1998.

Rep. Bradley spoke in favor.

Adopted.

Ordered to third reading.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Chandler 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 6, 1999.

Adopted.

LATE SESSION

Third reading and final passage

HR 1, relative to adopting the rules of the 1998 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 and other circumstances.

SCR 1, urging the supreme court to issue a prompt ruling on certain specific issues transferred to the court by the public utilities commission on February 20, 1998.

RECESS MOTION

Rep. Chandler moved that the House stand in recess.

Adopted.

The House recessed at 8:30 p.m.

RECESS

(Speaker Sytek in the Chair)

The Speaker made the following appointments:

Deputy Speaker, Donnalee Lozeau.

Deputy Majority Leader, Warren C. Henderson.

Majority Whip, Michael D. Whalley.

The Speaker appointed the Rules Committee.

RULES

REPUBLICANS

Donna Sytek, Chairman

Donnalee Lozeau, Vice Chairman

Gene G. Chandler

Warren C. Henderson

Michael D. Whalley

John W. Flanders, Sr.

Neal M. Kurk

Robert E. Clegg, Jr.

DEMOCRATS

Peter Hoe Burling

Sharon L. Nordgren

Raymond C. Buckley

Christine M. Konys

David E. Cote

Martha Fuller Clark

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