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On the first Wednesday in December in the year of our Lord, two thousand, it being the day designated by the Constitution for assembling, the one hundred and fifty-seventh 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 Reverend Eric N. Lindblade, Sr.

Our God, again we come to the convening of our citizen legislature. May those who have been elected to serve the people understand that it is no small honor, for they stand in the noble tradition of men and women who have made the laws for free peoples throughout history. From Solon in Greece, Cato in Rome, Disraeli in Britain, Madison and Adams, Webster and Clay and the thousands who have served honorably and well, generation after generation in this historic house. Today you begin to share in this great enterprise. May each of you remember that the laws you make are not just for today but must stand the test of time. Consider as you deliberate; will they prove to be a bane or a blessing for the people; will they promote or hinder the growth of our State; will they represent the will of the people or a chosen few? Two years lie before you. Give of your best to make them positive and forward looking. May those who shall have governance over this House be blessed with good humor, patience and forbearance that under their leadership the business of this house may ever be conducted with civility and due regard for one another. Now, may God's richest blessing be upon all who are to serve: our Governor, our Speaker and each one of you who take the oath of office this day. Amen.

Rep.-elect Panagopoulos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps.-elect Courchesne and Lockwood, the day illness.

Reps.-elect Bouldin, DePecol, Dunlap, Lefebvre, Sokol, Solow, Stevens and Woekel, the day important business.

CALL OF THE ROLL

BELKNAP COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (2)	David M. Lawton, r; Stephen H. Nedeau, 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)	William Johnson, d; Alida I. Millham, r
Dist. No. 5 (3)	Laurie J. Boyce, r; Stanley Czech, r; David H. Russell, r
Dist. No. 6 (1)	Gordon E. Bartlett, r
Dist. No. 7 (6)	Elected, not sworn; Donald H. Flanders, r; Robert G. Holbrook, r; Thomas Rice, Jr., r; Ralph J. Rosen, r; Jane Wood, d

CARROLL COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1)	Gene G. Chandler, r
Dist. No. 2 (2)	Howard C. Dickinson, r; P. Judith Sullivan, 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)	Elected, not sworn
Dist. No. 8 (1)	Jeb E. Bradley, r
Dist. No. 9 (1)	Betsey L. Patten, r
Dist. No. 10 (2)	Lee W. Quimby, r; Gary P. Torressen, r

CHESHIRE COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1)	Paul McGuirk, d
Dist. No. 2 (2)	Robert C. 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)	Peter H. Allen, 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)	Judson K. Dexter, r; Bernard Lambert, d
Dist. No. 12 (1)	Barbara H. Richardson, d;
Dist. No. 13 (1)	Susan Emerson, r
Dist. No. 14 (1)	Elected, not sworn
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)	Chandler Fairbanks, r
Dist. No. 19 (3)	Dana A. Edwards, r; Peter S. Espieffs, d; Charles Weed, d

COOS COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (2)	Perley E. Davis, r; Eric Stohl, r
Dist. No. 2 (1)	Dana Landers, 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)	John T. Gallus, r; Edgar H. Mears, d; Robert Rodrigue, d; Michael J. Rozek, 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)	Gene B. Marshall, r
Dist. No. 3 (1)	Robert J. Guida, r
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Bonnie D. Ham, r
Dist. No. 5 (2)	John S. Cobb, r; Douglass P. Teschner, r
Dist. No. 6 (2)	Robert Barker, r; Sydney Lovett, d
Dist. No. 7 (2)	Mary R. Cooney, d; Debra A. Nare, d
Dist. No. 8 (2)	Bill Gabler, r; Burton W. Williams, r
Dist. No. 9 (1)	John R.M. Alger, r
Dist. No. 10 (4)	Bernard Benn, d; Sharon L. Nordgren, d; elected not sworn; elected, not sworn
Dist. No. 11 (2)	David M. Scanlan, r; Charles E. Sova, r
Dist. No. 12 (1)	Paul M. Mirski, r
Dist. No. 13 (1)	Nancy Scovner, d
Dist. No. 14 (4)	Ralph L. Akins, r; Susan W. Almy, d; Terri C. Dudley, r; Marion Pawlek, d

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1)	Kimberley Dionne, r
Dist. No. 2 (1)	Larry G. Elliott, r
Dist. No. 3 (1)	Maxwell D. Sargent, r
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Pierre W. Bruno, r

Dist. No. 5 (2)	Gary S. Hopper, r; Neal M. Kurk, r
Dist. No. 6 (1)	O. Alan Thulander, r
Dist. No. 7 (5)	Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr., r; Richard E. Fletcher, r; Randolph Holden, r; Karen K. McRae, r; Robert Wheeler, r
Dist. No. 8 (2)	Merton S. Dyer, r; Andrew R. Peterson, r
Dist. No. 9 (1)	Edward R. Leach, r
Dist. No. 10 (1)	Linda T. Foster, d
Dist. No. 11 (1)	Harold Melcher, d
Dist. No. 12 (1)	Pamela D. Coughlin, r
Dist. No. 13 (4)	Peter E. Bragdon, r; Keith R. Herman, r; Peter R. Leishman, r; Timothy O'Connell, r
Dist. No. 14 (3)	Cynthia J. Dokmo, r; Robert H. Rowe, r; Paul D. Spiess, r
Dist. No. 15 (4)	Kathleen M. Flora, r; Maurice E. Goulet, r; John A. Graham, r; Edward P. Moran, Jr., 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)	John Balcom, r; Peter L. Batula, r; Robert W. Brundige, r; Chris Christensen, r; Dennis H. Fields, r; Charles Q. Hall, r; Robert J. L'Heureux, r; Robert H. Milligan, r
Dist. No. 19 (1)	Donald Carlson, r
Dist. No. 20 (2)	Thomas I. Arnold, Jr., r; Betty B. Hall, d
Dist. No. 21 (1)	Richard S. Eaton, r
Dist. No. 22 (2)	Richard B. Drisko, r; Carolyn M. Gargas, r
Dist. No. 23 (6)	David J. Alukonis, r; David M. Bouchard, r; Lars T. Christiansen, r; Robert E. Clegg, Jr., r; Rudy Lessard, r; Joan C. Tate, r

Dist. No. 24 (3)	Jean-Guy J. Bergeron, r; Harold V. Lynde, d; Christopher Seibel, r
Dist. No. 25 (1)	Donald B. White, r
Dist. No. 26 (3)	Paul C. Bellavance, d; elected, not sworn; Claire B. McHugh, r
Dist. No. 27 (3)	Michael A. Balboni, r; Richard J. LaRose, r; Robert S. Mercer, r
Dist. No. 28 (3)	Robert A. Daigle, d; Nancy M. Ford, r; Lori Movsesian, d
Dist. No. 29 (3)	Tom Alciere, r; David E. Cote, d; Mary Gorman, d
Dist. No. 30 (3)	Nelson Allen, r; Mary L. Andosca, d; Harvey Keye, d
Dist. No. 31 (3)	Elected, not sworn; elected, not sworn; Cynthia P. Sweeney, d
Dist. No. 32 (3)	Lori Cardin, d; Peter R. Cote, d; Claudette R. Jean, d
Dist. No. 33 (3)	Christine M. Konys, d; Bette R. Lasky, d; Joan H. Schulze, d
Dist. No. 34 (3)	Lawrence A. Artz, r; Christine Furman, r; Mary Ellen Martin, d
Dist. No. 35 (1)	Paul G. LaFlamme, Jr., r
Dist. No. 36 (1)	A. Theresa Drabinowicz, d
Dist. No. 37 (3)	Jeff Goley, d; John P. Kacavas, d; Sandra Reeves, r
Dist. No. 38 (3)	William M. Golding, r; James W. Craig, d; Saggy A. Tahir, r
Dist. No. 39 (3)	William Clayton, d; Frank C. Guinta, r; Bonnie Patria, d
Dist. No. 40 (3)	Lionel W. Johnson, d; Leo P. Pepino, r; Kathleen Souza, r
Dist. No. 41 (3)	Alice McDonough-Wallace, d; Eric Palangas, d; Greg Salts, r
Dist. No. 42 (3)	Benjamin C. Baroody, d; elected, not sworn; Jeffrey Duval, d
Dist. No. 43 (3)	Paul J. Dwyer, Sr., d; elected, not sworn; Carol Ann Williams, d
Dist. No. 44 (3)	Roland O. Beaupre, r; Raymond C. Buckley, d; Steve Vaillancourt, l
Dist. No. 45 (3)	William J. Desrosiers, r; Andre A. Martel, r; Barbara Shaw, d
Dist. No. 46 (3)	Gary C. Greenberg, r; Irene M. Messier, r; John M. White, d
Dist. No. 47 (3)	Elected, not sworn; Nicholas Panagopoulos, d; Rob Thompson, r
Dist. No. 48 (3)	Robert Chabot, r; Carlos E. Gonzalez, r; Marc Pappas, r

MERRIMACK COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (2)	Richard P. Brewster, r; William E. Leber, r
Dist. No. 2 (3)	J. D. Colcord, r; Alf E. Jacobson, r; Steve Winter, r
Dist. No. 3 (2)	Barbara Conner French, d; Elizabeth Rodd, d
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Claire D. Clarke, d
Dist. No. 5 (1)	Michael D. Whalley, r
Dist. No. 6 (1)	Derek Owen, d
Dist. No. 7 (3)	Eric Anderson, r; Richard E. Kennedy, r; John R. Swindlehurst, r
Dist. No. 8 (1)	Christopher H. Dunne, r
Dist. No. 9 (4)	Raymond C. Cummings, r; Leo W. Fraser, r; elected, not sworn; Roy D. Maxfield, r
Dist. No. 10 (2)	Tony F. Soltani, r; Charles B. Yeaton, d
Dist. No. 11 (3)	David W. Hess, r; Stephen L'Heureux, r; Ray F. Langer, r
Dist. No. 12 (4)	Gabriel J. Daneault, d; Francis W. Davis, r; Vincent E. Greco, d; Deanna P. Rush, d
Dist. No. 13 (3)	Martin Feuerstein, r; Randy J. Perkins, d; James A. Whittemore, r
Dist. No. 14 (1)	David Poulin, r
Dist. No. 15 (1)	John D. Hutchinson, 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

Dist. No. 24 (3) Jim MacKay, 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 J. Nowe, r

Dist. No. 4 (1) Robert K. Dodge, r

Dist. No. 5 (1) C. Donald Stritch, r

Dist. No. 6 (1) Rudolph J. Kobel, r

Dist. No. 7 (1) Joseph E. Stone, r

Dist. No. 8 (1) Kevin R. Chalbeck, r

Dist. No. 9 (2) Corey E. Corbin, r; Thomas A. Varrell, r

Dist. No. 10 (1) Albert W. Hamel, r

Dist. No. 11 (1) Daniel C. Itse, r

Dist. No. 12 (3) Franklin C. Bishop, r; William T. Kelley, r; Stephen Sloan, r

Dist. No. 13 (11) Patricia A. Dowling, r; Robert M. Fesh, r; John P. Gleason, r;

George N. Katsakiores, r; Phyllis M. Katsakiores, r; John S. Langone, r;

Robert Letourneau, r; Lucille Power, r; James B. Rausch, 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) Kevin L. Camm, r; Vivian R. Clark, 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) Betsy Coes, d; Karl Gilbert, r; Raymond E. Trueman, d

Dist. No. 20 (5) Warren Henderson, r; Marshall E. Quandt, r; Matthew J. Quandt, r;

Carl G. Robertson, r; Jackie L. Weatherspoon, d

Dist. No. 21 (3) Benjamin E. Moore, r; Patricia M. O'Keefe, d; Diane Palermo, r

Dist. No. 22 (5) Russell D. Bridle, r; Sheila T. Francoeur, r; Jane P. Kelley, d;

Pamela Saia, r; elected, not sworn

Dist. No. 23 (1) Bruce L. Dearborn, r

Dist. No. 24 (2) Russell N. Cox, r; Jane S. Langley, r

Dist. No. 25 (3) Jeff Gilbert, r; Rogers J. Johnson, r; Walter D. Ruffner, r

Dist. No. 26 (9) Ronald J. Belanger, r; Richard T. Cooney, r; Janeen Dalrymple, r;

Michael W. Downing, d; Ronald Giordano, r; Jim Holland , r;

Bob McGuire, d; Stephanie K. Micklon, d; Anne K. Priestley, 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) Sharon Carson, r; Jonathan E. Hill, r; Karen K. Hutchinson, r;

Robert E. Introne, Jr., r; Betsy McKinney, r; Walter J. Mikowski, r;

Sherman A. Packard, 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) Raimond Bowles, r; Jacqueline A. Pitts, d

Dist. No. 36 (1) Martha Fuller Clark, d

STRAFFORD COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1) David A. Bickford, r

Dist. No. 2 (1) Rodney J. Woodill, d

Dist. No. 3 (2) Jerry McCarthy, d; William Tsiros, r

Dist. No. 4 (1) Michael Harrington, r

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

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

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) Earle Goodwin, d; Arthur J. Pelletier, d; Raymond E. Proulx, d;

Christopher Reid, r

Dist. No. 13 (1) Marsha L. Pelletier, d

Dist. No. 14 (4) Roger R. Berube, d; Richard F. Heon, d; Christopher L. Hughes, d;

Clair A. Snyder, d

Dist. No. 15 (2) Frank D. Callaghan, d; Donald A. Lachance, r

Dist. No. 16 (2) William P. Brennan, d; James E. Twombly, r

Dist. No. 17 (2) Russell A. Albert, r; Julie M. Brown, r

Dist. No. 18 (2) Elected, not sworn; Paul A. Ferland, d

Dist. No. 19 (2) Larry J. Cossette, r; Anne C. Grassie, d

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1)	Peter H. 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; Peter E. Franklin, d; Beverly T. Rodeschin, r;
Dist. No. 5 (1)	Bob Odell, r
Dist. No. 6 (1)	Brenda Ferland, d
Dist. No. 7 (1)	James Phinizy, d
Dist. No. 8 (1)	John R. Cloutier, d
Dist. No. 9 (1)	Sandra Harris, d
Dist. No. 10 (1)	David C. Allison, d
Dist. No. 11 (2)	Joe Harris, d; Amy E. Robb, d

With 385 members-elect having answered the call of the roll, a quorum was declared present.

RESOLUTION

Representatives-elect Chandler and Burling offered the following:

RESOLVED, that a committee of four 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 Howard C. Dickinson, Jr., Natalie S. Flanagan, Lynn C. Horton and Robert A. Johnson.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Blanca and Louis Alciere , Paul and May Alciere, wife, son and parents of Rep.-elect Alciere. Patricia Allan, wife of Rep.-elect Nelson Allan. Carolyn Allen wife of Rep.-elect Peter H. Allen. George Andosca, husband of Rep.-elect Andosca. Marianne, Daniel, Jonathan, Matthew, Katie and Mahlon Artz, wife, children and father of Rep.-elect Artz. Marie Balcom, wife of Rep.-elect Balcom. Dolly Bellavance, wife of Rep.-elect Bellavance. Emma, Joy, Jennifer and Joseph Bergeron, wife, daughter, daughter-in-law and grandson of Rep.-elect Bergeron. Teresa Stewart-Bouchard, wife of Rep.-elect David M. Bouchard. William Bradley, husband of Rep.-elect Paula Bradley. Lorraine Brennan, wife of Rep.-elect Brennan. Barbara Brewster, wife of Rep.-elect Brewster. Cassie Bridle, daughter of

Rep.-elect Bridle. Sherrie Bruno, Shirley and Charles Maxfield, wife and guests of Rep.-elect Bruno. Wayne Buckley, father of Rep.-elect Buckley. Hon. Gregory Carson, husband of Rep.-elect Carson. Scott and Aram Avedisian, guests of Rep.-elect Chalbeck. Nancy Chandler, Flora Jones, Erik and Lori Chandler, Mikell and Christopher Perry, Leslie Shaheen, wife, mother son and daughter-in-law, sister, nephew and sister-in-law of Rep.-elect Chandler. Tom and Tess Mulkern, Elaine and Leo Ryan, Debbie and Jason Tescini, Norman and Kathleen Head, Lynn Jones and Neil Levesque, guests of Rep.-elect Chandler. Lynn and Rachel Christensen, wife and mother of Rep.-elect Chris Christensen. David Clarke, Jr. and Caroletta Alicea, husband and daughter of Rep.-elect Claire D. Clarke. Priscilla Clegg, wife of Rep.-elect Clegg. Michael and Nicholas Cooney and John Bonifaz, husband, son and nephew of Rep.-elect Mary R. Cooney. Kathleen Cooney, niece of Rep.-elect Richard Cooney. Susanna Cox, wife of Rep.-elect Cox. John, John Jr., Sean, William and Kathryn Coughlin, husband and children of Rep.-elect Coughlin. Patricia Holmes, guest of Rep.-elect DeChane. Kathleen DiFruscia, wife of Rep.-elect DiFruscia. Lew Dokmo, husband of Rep.-elect Dokmo. Shirley Elliott, mother of Rep.-elect Dionne and Rep.-elect Elliott. Dr. Gerald W. Parker, David and Rae DuVernay, Polly Mellin, Dr. and Mrs Kurzon, Jaye Barrett, Marilyn Pratt and Joy Fernandes, husband and guests of Rep.-elect Emerson. Donna J. Fairbanks and Susan Guetti, wife and sister of Rep.-elect Fairbanks. Harley Featherstrom, guest of Rep.-elect Micklon. May Fernald, wife of Rep.-elect Paul A. Ferland. Hon. Kenneth Malcolm, guest of Rep.-elect Francoeur. Hon. Gladys Cox, John Gargas, Luann and Nicole Sipe, mother, son, daughter and granddaughter of Rep.-elect Gargas. Doris and Scott Gilbert, wife and son of Rep.-elect Karl Gilbert. Mary Giordano, Terry and Sam Pollina, wife and guests of Rep.-elect Giordano. Christine Giuda and family, David and Evan Riel, Rev. Daniel Sinnibaldi, Mr. and Mrs. John Rice, guests of Rep.-elect Giuda. Mary and Rhonda Goley and Dr. Sylvio Dupuis, mother, sister and father-in-law of Rep.-elect Goley. George Morel, Jean Max, Erin Hadley, Mr and Mrs Lugo , Ikomi Ngonei, German Orpiz, Wayne Jennings, Bill Padilla , Fernando Hilarion, Lillie Spooner, guests of Rep.-elect Gonzalez. Virginia L. Goodwin, wife of Rep.-elect Goodwin. Patricia and Calvin Graham, wife and brother of Rep.-elect Graham. Patricia Manseau, fiancée of Rep.-elect Greco. Kathy Bartholdi and Joshua Greenberg, wife and son of Rep.-elect Greenberg. Morgan, Virginia and Richard Guinta, Clarke Smith, Nancy and Dr. Richard Lemieux and Mark Cramer, wife, mother, father and guests of Rep.-elect Guinta. Elaine L. Hall, wife of Rep.-elect Charles Hall. Paul Haines, guest of Reps.-elect Sandra and Joseph Harris. Cynthia Herman, wife of Rep.-elect Keith Herman. Patricia Holland, wife of Rep.-elect Holland. Lynda Hunt, wife of Rep.-elect Hunt. Genevieve and Peter Hutchinson, daughter and son of Rep.-elect John Hutchinson. Lisa Itse and children, wife and family of Rep.-elect Dan Itse. Doris Johnson, mother of Rep.-elect Nancy Johnson. Erika Johnson, wife of Rep.-elect William Johnson. Charlene Kane and Heather Rowell, guests of Rep.-elect Cecelia Kane. Kathryn Voveris and Mr. And Mrs. Paul Laflame, Sr., the wife and parents of Rep.-elect LaFlamme. Betsy and Christopher Landers, wife and son of Rep.-elect Landers. Beverly Leach, wife of Rep.-elect Leach. Anne-Marie Letourneau, Margret and Wilfred Valcourt, Diane Gallien, Heather Letourneau and Marissah Gallien, wife, mother, stepfather, daughter and granddaughters of Rep.-elect Letourneau. Simone, Matthew and Lauren Martel, Simonne Binette and Sister Rita Martel, wife, son, daughter, mother and sister of Rep.-elect Martel. Annette McGuire, Mollie Reagan and Ed Dube, wife, daughter and guest of Rep. McGuire. George McHugh, Jeanne and Maurice Phaneuf, husband and aunt and uncle of Rep.-elect McHugh. Leslie, Mark and Bruce Mendenhall, the daughter, son-in-law and grandchild of Rep.-elect Sweeney. Timothy and Elizabeth Naro, the husband and daughter of Rep.-elect Naro. Hon. Mary Lou Nowe, wife of Rep.-elect Nowe. Sandy Odell, the wife of Rep.-elect Odell. June Panagopoulos, mother of Rep.-elect Panagopoulos. John Pelletier, son of Reps.-elect Marsha and Arthur Pelletier. Mary, Sarah and Amy Perkins, the wife and daughters of Rep.-elect Perkins. Madeline and Daniel, Christopher and Micha Proulx, Michelle Brew, Maria Proulx and Jeff Plante, wife, sons, daughters, daughter-in-law and guest of Rep.-elect Proulx. Dorrie and Amanda Quandt, Alan and Dorothy Williams and Nicholas Valis, mother, sister and guests of Rep.-elect Matthew J. Quandt. Lorinda, Sue and Heidi Rausch, the wife and daughters of Rep.-elect Rausch. Dr. R. Bruce and Kim Reeves, Rebie Sullivan, Lee Kilhenney, Susan Rivsky and John Ford, husband, daughter and guests of Rep.-elect Reeves. Carey Rodd, husband of Rep.-elect Rodd. Velda Ruffner, wife of Rep.-elect Ruffner.

Ronald Rush, Norma Perkins, Gail Perkins, T. Ann York, Sandra Martin and Nancy Devoe, husband, mother, sister-in-law and guests of Rep.-elect Rush. Retired Senior Master Chief Petty Officer Jack Salts, Judy and Richard Salts, father, mother and brother of Rep.-elect Salts. Victor Schulze, Jr., husband of Rep.-elect Schulze. Jillianne Girard, Jessy-Lyn and Jennilee Shaw, the daughters of Rep.-elect Shaw. Sharron Smith, wife of Rep.-elect Edwin Smith. Edith K. Sova, wife of Rep.-elect Sova. Susan Spiess, wife of Rep.-elect Spiess. Connie Stone, wife of Rep.-elect Stone. Eleanor Swindlehurst, wife of Rep.-elect Swindlehurst. Barry Hoffman, Consular General of Pakistan, Nusrat and Adeel Tahir, Dorothy Seay, and Shirley Claremont, guests of Rep.-elect Tahir. Juna Titcomb, guest of Rep. Douglass Teschner. Melissa, Alysha and Andrew Torressen and Joe and Nancy Hart, wife, son, daughter and in-laws of Rep.-elect Torressen. Nermana Bajramovic from Bosnia, the guest of Rep.-elect Weatherspoon. Purr Whalley, wife of Rep.-elect Whalley. Ruth Ann Williams, wife of Rep.-elect Burton W. Williams. Loa Winter, wife of Rep.-elect Winter. Cynthia and Seth Woodward and Vicky Ayer, wife, son and sister of Rep.-elect Woodward. Tom Veinote, guest of the Pembroke and Allenstown Delegation.

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, Thomas Colantuno and Councilor-elect David K. Wheeler. 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. Chandler and Burling moved that the rules of the 2000 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. Tom Alciere placed the name of Rep. Alf E. Jacobson in nomination for Speaker. Rep. Betty B. Hall seconded the nomination.

Rep. Alf E. Jacobson accepted the nomination.

Rep. Martha Fuller Clark placed the name of Rep. Burling in nomination for Speaker. Rep. Buckley seconded the nomination.

Rep. Hager placed the name of Rep. Chandler in nomination for Speaker. Reps. Weyler, Hess and Mock 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. David Cote and Foster as tellers for Rep. Burling; Reps. Dokmo and Flanagan as tellers for Rep. Chandler;

Reps. Fields and Gilmore as tellers for Rep. Jacobson and Reps. Konys and Kurk as tellers as appointed by the Chair.

RECESS

(Clerk in the Chair)

FIRST BALLOT

Of the 385 votes cast, 193 votes were needed for election. Rep. Burling received 121 votes, Rep. Chandler received 230 votes, Rep. Jacobson received 33 votes. One ballot was cast for a non-candidate. The Chair declared Rep. Chandler the duly elected Speaker of the House.

Rep. Burling moved that the vote for Rep. Chandler be made unanimous. Rep. Jacobson seconded the motion.

Adopted.

The Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Speaker Chandler, his wife Nancy and his mother, Mrs. Flora Jones, to the rostrum.

(Speaker Chandler in the Chair)

Speaker Chandler addressed the House.

Rep. Burling moved that the remarks made by the Speaker be printed in the Journal.

Adopted.

REMARKS

The Speaker addressed the House.

Thank you very much. Someone said I was supposed to say something. I said, "You really think I really need to?" They said, "Yes." So, a couple of members asked if I was going to keep them very long and I said, "It won't be from anything I'd say, that's for sure." But, thank you very, very much. This is indeed a very great honor you have bestowed upon me. I will do my best to perform the job of Speaker in a manner that represents the dignity of the institution and the respect that should be accorded to all of the members.

I would especially like to thank my family members and friends who made the trek here today and are in the gallery and here beside me. Thank you. I have special thanks to my mother, Flora, who I owe a lot of this as being one of the most political people I know, certainly; and my father, Earl, who was unable to be here today but as a past member sends along his best wishes, especially to some of you who served with him before-Rep. Johnson, Holbrook and others. So, I'm sure he's here or watching, maybe, on television at least. I need to also give special thanks to my wife, Nancy, for all of her help, especially with my e-mail, who while agreeing last winter to support my effort to become

Speaker might have had a change of heart had she known what we were getting into. I can surely tell you that I would not have wanted to live with me over the past few months, so I very much appreciate her patience.

I would also like to thank all of my worthy competitors. As was mentioned in a couple of the speeches, it is truly a testament to our great state that so many well-qualified individuals were willing to put their names on the line and give all of you a choice. I look forward to meeting our challenges with all of their cooperation.

Throughout my campaign, and to the disbelief of some, I have stated that I had not and would not make any promises or assign any positions to anyone until, and if, I was elected. I stand here today and tell you that is still true. Decisions with regard to the various positions, committee assignments, the all important parking and seating assignments will be made within the next few days and with the leader of the Democratic party, and members will be notified as soon as possible. We will be faced with many important issues during the next two years and with all of your help, we will meet these challenges.

Again, thank you for the honor of being your Speaker. I look forward to working with all of you. Thank you.

ELECTION OF HOUSE OFFICERS

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

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

Rep. John M. Pratt 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. Babson placed in nomination the name of Rob Johnson for Sergeant-at-Arms.

Rep. Phinizy 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. Kennedy 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. Arthur P. Klemm, Jr., President; Gloria Randlett, Clerk; Tammy Wright, Assistant Clerk; and Henry Wilson, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Senate is ready to meet in joint convention for the purpose of electing the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer.

JOINT CONVENTION

(Speaker Chandler presiding)

The Speaker called the joint convention to order.

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. D'Allesandro and Barnes and Rep. Stritch 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. Leo W. Fraser, Jr. 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.

Rep. Hager and Sen. Hollingworth escorted Mr. Gardner and Ms. Thomas to the rostrum.

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

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

Sen. Francoeur and Rep. Horton moved that the Joint Convention arise.

Adopted.

The Joint Convention adjourned.

Reps. Herman and Burling offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, that the House adopt the rules of the 2000 legislative session and providing that house rules may be amended by a majority vote of the house on or before January 25, 2001.

Adopted.

Reps. Hess and Burling offered an amendment to House Rules.

Amendment (0002h)

Amend the introductory paragraph of House Rule 30 to read as follows:

30. The following standing policy committees shall be appointed at the commencement of any session and will consist of not more than ~~[22]~~ **23 members**~~[-except the Committee on Finance will consist of not more than 29 members]~~: Children and Family Law; Commerce; Criminal Justice and Public Safety; Education; Election Law; Environment and Agriculture; Executive Departments and Administration; Finance; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs; Judiciary; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services; Legislative Administration; Municipal and County Government; Public Works and Highways; Resources, Recreation and Development; Rules; Science, Technology and Energy; State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs; Transportation; **Ways and Means**; and Wildlife and Marine Resources.

Amend House Rule 30(h) to read as follows:

(h) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance to examine and consider the state of the treasury; to consider the budget, subjects concerning the financial interest of the state, all measures carrying appropriations of state money, except claims against the state; ~~[all bills and resolutions relating to raising money by a state tax and the apportionment of same and all other methods for raising revenue for the state,]~~ and such other matters as may be referred to it. Prior to the report of the Finance Committee to the House, the Speaker may refer the budget of certain self-sustaining state agencies to appropriate committees for study and recommendation. ~~[The Committee on Finance shall report to the house in the form of a resolution its estimates of state revenues on a periodic basis.]~~

Amend House Rule 30 by replacing all after paragraph (s) with the following:

(t) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Ways and Means to examine and consider the state of the treasury; to consider and report on all bills and resolutions relating to raising money by a state tax and the apportionment of same, state fees, and all methods of raising revenue for the state; and such other matters as may be referred to it. The Committee on Ways and Means shall report to the House in the form of a resolution its estimates of state revenues on a periodic basis.

(u) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Wildlife and Marine Resources to consider all matters concerning conservation, improvement and preservation of fish, game and non-game species and marine resources within the state; and such other matters as may be referred to it.

Amend House Rule 46 by replacing it with the following:

46.(a) All bills and joint resolutions appropriating state money shall, if approved by the House when reported by the appropriate policy committee, be referred to the Committee on Finance. All bills and joint resolutions affecting state revenues may, if approved by the House when reported

by the appropriate policy committee, be referred to the Committee on Finance. If such bills have been referred to the Committee on Finance after report by another standing committee, the Committee on Finance may report separately and no further hearings shall be required by the Committee on Finance. Hearings on bills assigned to the Committee on Finance may at the discretion of the chairman be assigned to and held by the division of the committee to which the bill is assigned and no further hearing may be required.

(b) All bills and resolutions affecting state fees shall, if approved by the House when reported from the appropriate policy committee, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

(c) All bills and resolutions addressing licensure and/or certification shall, if approved by the House when reported by the appropriate policy committee, be referred to the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration for a further report on the effect of the passage of such a bill or resolution. All those bills requiring agencies to adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A shall, if approved by the House when reported by the appropriate policy committee, be referred to the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration for a further report on the effect of the passage of such bill or resolution on rulemaking pursuant to RSA 541-A.

(d) All bills and resolutions affecting criminal penalties, if approved by the House when reported by the appropriate policy committee, shall be referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

(e) The chairmen of committees receiving a bill or referral as outlined in this rule with the approval of the Speaker may decline the referral of any bill from another committee or, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 43 (a), waive the public hearing on any bill referred from another committee.

Amend House Rule 47 to read as follows:

47. Any budget bill reported by the Committee on Finance shall contain a balanced spending plan. In the second-year session, the Committee on Finance shall hold hearings on proposed changes to the State spending plan for the current biennium and may submit a supplemental budget bill. ***The Committee on Finance shall work closely in cooperation with the Committee on Ways and Means at mutually agreed periodic times in determining the state income available for budget purposes.***

Amend House Rule 64 by replacing it with the following:

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

December 22, 2000, Friday, by 3:00 p.m.	Last day to file LSRs with complete information.
January 19, 2001, Friday	Last day to sign-off all bills with fiscal notes.
January 26, 2001, Friday	Last day to sign-off all other house bills.
February 8, 2001, Thursday	Last day to introduce all bills.

Rep. Hess spoke in favor and yielded to questions. Rep. Burling and Weyler spoke in favor.

Adopted.

Reps. Whalley and Nordgren offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

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. Clegg and Buckley offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 3

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. Scanlan and Konys offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 4

RESOLVED, that members will be paid their legislative salaries, as provided in the constitution, in the month of January 2000; and

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

Adopted.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Robert A. Johnson 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 resolutions be by caption only and that all resolutions ordered to third reading be read a third time by this resolution, and that all titles of resolutions 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 3, 2001.

Adopted.

LATE SESSION

Third reading and final passage

HR 1, relative to adopting the rules of the 2000 session.

HR 2, relative to recording House sessions and the permanent journal.

HR 3, relative to the distribution of House publications.

HR 4, relative to legislative salary and mileage payments.

RECESS MOTION

Rep. Francouer moved that the House stand in recess.

Adopted.

The House recessed at 4:30 p.m.