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On the first Wednesday in December in the year of our Lord, two thousand six, it being the day designated by the Constitution for assembling, the one hundred and sixtieth 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 Jared A. Rardin, Pastor of the South Congregational Church in Concord.

O Holy One, whose living presence refuses to be reduced by human thought or stymied by stilted language, we gather in one another's company this afternoon to convene another new session of this House of Representatives. With all that needs to go on in this legislative body in the year to come, O God, would that You might grant above all else a sense of unexpected joy in coming together to serve the good people of New Hampshire. Surprise us with exciting ideas. Delight us with one another's humor. Sneak up on us now and then with an abiding sense that the things which unite us are far greater and more numerous than the things which divide us.
We pray that Your Spirit would guide and support each Representative here in their work, and that You would grant them a sense of satisfaction in their leadership. We ask that You would sustain and guide our Governor, Representative-elect Norelli, Representative-elect Whalley, members of the Senate, and the staff whose daily work it will be to streamline and support the many proceedings, meetings and logistics which make governance possible. Extend Your divine care to those in our lives who are struggling with an illness, who are grieving the death of someone they love, who find themselves particularly alone and for whom this season is darkness rather than light. And be especially with those in our beloved state who find themselves without the joys and comforts of the season we here take for granted. All this we pray in Your holy name. Amen.

Representatives-elect Jeffrey P. Fontas and Andrew J. Edwards of Nashua led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was sung by Representative-elect David M. Pierce of Etna.

CALL OF THE ROLL

BELKNAP COUNTY (18)

Dist. No. 1 (1) Fran Wendelboe, r

Dist. No. 2 (2) Gail C. Morrison, d; William B. Tobin, r

Dist. No. 3 (2) Bruce D. Heald, r; Stephen H. Nedeau, r

Dist. No. 4 (5) Beth Arsenault, d; Donald H. Flanders, r; Judith Reever, d; Franklin T. Tilton, r; Jane Wood, d

Dist. No. 5 (7) Janet F. Allen, r; Laurie J. Boyce, r; Charles L. Clark, r; Alida I. Millham, r; James P. Pilliod, r; John H. Thomas, r; Michael D. Whalley, r

Dist. No. 6 (1) David H. Russell, r

CARROLL COUNTY (14)

Dist. No. 1 (4) Carolyn A. Brown, r; Thomas L. Buco, d; Edward A. Butler, d; Gene G. Chandler, r

Dist. No. 2 (1) Bob Bridgham, d

Dist. No. 3 (3) Howard N. Cunningham, d; Virginia Heard, d; Harry C. Merrow, r

Dist. No. 4 (4) Christopher J. Ahlgren, r; J. David J. Knox, r; Betsey L. Patten, r; Stanley E. Stevens, r

Dist. No. 5 (2) William P. Denley, r; James R. Martin, r

CHESHIRE COUNTY (24)

Dist. No. 1 (1) William V. Chase, d

Dist. No. 2 (3) Daniel A. Eaton, d; Tara Sad, d; Lucy McVitty Weber, d

Dist. No. 3 (7) Delmar D. Burridge, d; Suzanne S. Butcher, d; J. Timothy Dunn, d; Peter S. Espiefs, d; elected, not sworn in; Timothy N. Robertson, d; Charles F. Weed, d

Dist. No. 4 (4) Tim Butterworth, d; William Butynski, d; Henry A.L. Parkhurst, d; Stanley S. Plifka, d

Dist. No. 5 (1) Barbara Hull Richardson, d

Dist. No. 6 (4) Peter H. Allen, d; Jane B. Johnson, r; Alfred C. Lerandeau, d; Thomas L. Loll, d

Dist. No. 7 (4) Susan Emerson, r; John B. Hunt, r; Bonnie G. Mitchell, d; Stephen T. Pelkey, r

COOS COUNTY (11)

Dist. No. 1 (2) Frederick W. King, r&d; Eric G. Stohl, r&d

Dist. No. 2 (4) Evalyn S. Merrick, d; Scott A. Merrick, d; William J. Remick, r; John E. Tholl, Jr., r

Dist. No. 3 (1) William A. Hatch, d

Dist. No. 4 (4) Paul H. Ingersoll, d; Edgar H. Mears, d&r; Robert L. Theberge, d&r; Yvonne Thomas, d&r

GRAFTON COUNTY (26)

Dist. No. 1 (2) Lyle Bulis, r; Stephanie Eaton, r

Dist. No. 2 (1) Martha S. McLeod, d

Dist. No. 3 (2) Edmond D. Gionet, r&d; Gregory M. Sorg, r

Dist. No. 4 (1) Robert F. Matheson, d

Dist. No. 5 (2) Vernon W. Dingman, r; Paul C. Ingbretson, r

Dist. No. 6 (2) James D. Aguiar, d; Carol Friedrich, d

Dist. No. 7 (2) Mary R. Cooney, d; Carole J. Estes, d

Dist. No. 8 (3) Sidney Lovett, d; Philip Preston, d; Burton W. Williams, r

Dist. No. 9 (4) Bernard L. Benn, d; Ruth Z. Bleyler, d; Sharon Nordgren, d; David M. Pierce, d

Dist. No. 10 (3) Suzanne S. Laliberte, d; Catherine Mulholland, d; Peter E. Solomon, d

Dist. No. 11 (4) Susan W. Almy, d; Gene F. Andersen, d; Lee M. Hammond, d; A. Laurie Harding, d

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY (123)

Dist. No. 1 (3) David E. Essex, d; Ron Mack, d; Gilman C. Shattuck, d&r

Dist. No. 2 (2) Catriona Beck, d; Claudia A. Chase, d

Dist. No. 3 (4) Jill Shaffer Hammond, d; Anne-Marie Irwin, d; Andrew R. Peterson, r; elected, not sworn in

Dist. No. 4 (4) Pamela D. Coughlin, r; elected, not sworn in; Linda T. Foster, d; Mike Kaelin, d

Dist. No. 5 (4) Richard B. Drisko, r; Carolyn M. Gargasz, r; Betty B. Hall, d; Melanie Levesque, d

Dist. No. 6 (8) Peter F. Bergin, r; Gary L. Daniels, r; Cynthia J. Dokmo, r; Ryan N. Hansen, r; Peter R. Leishman, d; Timothy D. O'Connell, r; Robert H. Rowe, r; Stephen B. Stepanek, r

Dist. No. 7 (8) Russell C. Day, r; Larry A. Emerton, r; Richard E. Fletcher, r; Randolph N. S. Holden, r; Bruce F. Hunter, r; Neal M. Kurk, r; Pamela V. Manney, r; Karen K. McRae, r

Dist. No. 8 (3) Jeffrey P. Goley, d; Sandra J. Reeves, r; Dan Sullivan, d

Dist. No. 9 (3) Catherine Hackett, d; Sandra Smith, d; Saghir A. Tahir, r

Dist. No. 10 (3) Michael R. DesRoches, d; Jean L. Jeudy, d; Patrick Long, d

Dist. No. 11 (3) Nickolas J. Levasseur, d; Anthony F. Simon, d; Mary A. Sysyn, d

Dist. No. 12 (3) Roger G. Hebert, d; elected, not sworn in; Hector M. Velez, d

Dist. No. 13 (3) Benjamin C. Baroody, d; William J. Infantine, r; Stephen A. Johnson, d

Dist. No. 14 (3) Patrick F. Garrity, d; Robert J. Haley, d; Michael J. Reuschel d

Dist. No. 15 (3) Michael Farley, d; Maureen A. Nagle, d; Steve Vaillancourt, r

Dist. No. 16 (3) Jesse Martineau, d; Maurice L. Pilotte, d; Barbara E. Shaw, d

Dist. No. 17 (8) Jane E. Beaulieu, d; Michael Brunelle, d; Armand D. Forest, d; George Katsiantonis, d; Lily Mesa, d; Irene M. Messier, r; Connie Soucy, r; Joel Winters, d

Dist. No. 18 (6) Mark S. Clark, r; John A. Graham, r; Ken Hawkins, r; elected, not sworn in; Jayne E. Spaulding, r; Maurice Villeneuve, r

Dist. No. 19 (8) Richard W. Barry, r; Peter L. Batula, r; D.L. Chris Christensen, r; Nancy J. Elliott, r; Peyton B. Hinkle, r; elected, not sworn in; Maureen C. Mooney, r; James M. O'Neil, d

Dist. No. 20 (3) Ruth Ginsburg, d; Anthony P. Matarazzo, d; Eric P. Rochette, d

Dist. No. 21 (3) Elenore Casey Crane, r; Paul L. Hackel, d; Suzanne Harvey, d

Dist. No. 22 (3) Lori A. Movsesian, d; Cindy Rosenwald, d; David L. Smith, d

Dist. No. 23 (3) David E. Cote, d; elected, not sworn in; Seth Marshall, d

Dist. No. 24 (3) David B. Campbell, d; Jane A. Clemons, d; Jeffrey P. Fontas, d

Dist. No. 25 (3) Peter R. Cote, d; Edith Hogan, r; Claudette R. Jean, d

Dist. No. 26 (10) Andrew J. Edwards, d; Bea Francoeur, r; John Kelley, d; Angeline A.

Kopka, d; Bette R. Lasky, d; Carolyn M. Lisle, d; Michael B. O'Brien, d; Pamela G. Price, r; Joan H. Schulze, d; Kimberly C. Shaw, d

Dist. No. 27 (13) Jean-Guy J. Bergeron, r; Lars T. Christiansen, r, elected, not sworn in; Robert H. Haefner, r; Shawn N. Jasper, r; John Knowles, d; Mary Ann Knowles, d; James H. Lawrence, r; Rudy Lessard, r; Lynne M. Ober, r; Russell T. Ober, r; Andrew Renzullo, r; Jordan G. Ulery, r

MERRIMACK COUNTY (44)

Dist. No. 1 (2) Robert A. Foose, d; David H. Kidder, r

Dist. No. 2 (3) Dennis Reed, r; Jim Ryan, d; Leigh A. Webb, d

Dist. No. 3 (1) Patricia M. McMahon, d&r

Dist. No. 4 (3) Christine C. Hamm, d; Derek Owen, d; Gary B. Richardson, d

Dist. No. 5 (2) Barbara C. French, d; Eleanor Glynn Kjellman, d

Dist. No. 6 (6) Maureen Baxley, d; Claire D. Clarke, d; Priscilla P. Lockwood, r; Joy K. Tilton, d; Frank A. Tupper, d&r; Deborah H. Wheeler, d

Dist. No. 7 (3) Frank W. Davis, d; Vincent E. Greco, d; Sara Kelly, d

Dist. No. 8 (4) Suzanne Beauchesne, d; Carole M. Brown, d; Margaret Porter, d; Charles B. Yeaton, d

Dist. No. 9 (4) Eileen S. Ehlers, d; David W. Hess, r; Charlie Humphries, r; elected, not sworn in

Dist. No. 10 (4) Elizabeth D. Blanchard, d&r; Mary Stuart Gile, d&r; Frances D. Potter, d&r; Stephen J. Shurtleff, d&r

Dist. No. 11 (5) Candace C.W. Bouchard, d; John DeJoie, d; James R. MacKay, r; Tara G. Reardon, d; Robert W. Williams; d

Dist. No. 12 (4) Donald A. Brueggemann, d; Elizabeth S. Hager, r; Jessie L. Osborne, d; Mary Jane Wallner, d

Dist. No. 13 (3) Eric Anderson, r; Stephen T. DeStefano, d; Mary Beth Walz, d

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY (90)

Dist. No. 1 (5) Frank G. Case, r; Robert A. Johnson, r; Susi Nord, d; John Reagan, r; Richard H. Snow, d

Dist. No. 2 (3) Franklin C. Bishop, r; Robert W. Forsing, r; Lawrence Kappler, r

Dist. No. 3 (9) Alfred P. Baldassaro, r; Sharon M. Carson, r; Dudley D. Dumaine, r; Frank R. Emiro, r; James F. Headd, r; Karen K. Hutchinson, r; Robert E. Introne, r; Betsy McKinney, r; Sherman A. Packard, r

Dist. No. 4 (13) Jason Bedrick, r; Ronald J. Belanger, r; David J. Bettencourt, r; David C. Dalrymple, r; Anthony R. DiFruscia, r; Robert J. Elliott, r; elected, not sworn in; Mary E. Griffin, r; Russell F. Ingram, r; Charles E. McMahon, r; Mark Pearson, r; Anne K. Priestley, r; Kevin K. Waterhouse, r

Dist. No. 5 (11) Bob M. Fesh, r; John P. Gleason, r; Kenneth H. Gould, r&d; Paul R. Hopfgarten, r; George N. Katsakiores, r; Phyllis M. Katsakiores, r; Howie Lund, r; Linda J. McCarthy, d; Daniel McKenna, d; James B. Rausch, r; Rick Wickson, r

Dist. No. 6 (2) James M. Garrity, r&d; George D. Winchell, r&d

Dist. No. 7 (4) Gene P. Charron, r&d; James E. Devine, r; Charlotte Lister, d&r; Elisabeth N. Sanders, r

Dist. No. 8 (7) Kevin L. Camm, r; John W. Flanders, Sr., r&d; Joseph A. Guthrie, r&d; Norman L. Major, r&d; David A. Welch, r; Roger G. Wells, r&d; Kenneth L. Weyler, r&d

Dist. No. 9 (3) Elected, not sworn in; Daniel C. Itse, r; Ronald J. Nowe, r

Dist. No. 10 (1) Donald R. Buxton, r&d

Dist. No. 11 (2)	Mary M. Allen, r; Kimberley S. Casey, d
Dist. No. 12 (3)	Dennis F. Abbott, d&r; Doreen Howard, d; Marcia G. Moody, d
Dist. No. 13 (8)	Judy Day, d; Eileen C. Flockhart, d; John W. Henson, d; James E. Kennedy, d; Marshall Lee Quandt, r; Matthew J. Quandt, r; Carl G. Robertson, r&d; Kathleen Russell, d
Dist. No. 14 (4)	Benjamin E. Moore, r; Peter O'Keefe, d; Mark F. Preston, d; E. Albert Weare, r
Dist. No. 15 (5)	Jane P. Kelley, d; Susan R. Kepner, d; Thomas McGuirk, d; Bennett Moore, d; Nancy F. Stiles, r
Dist. No. 16 (7)	Jacqueline A. Cali-Pitts, d; Paul McEachern, d; Terie T. Norelli, d; Laura C. Pantelakos, d; James F. Powers, d; Christopher W. Serlin, d; James R. Splaine, d
Dist. No. 17 (1)	Michael G. Marsh, d
Dist. No. 18 (2)	David A. Borden, d; Otto F. Grote, d

STRAFFORD COUNTY (37)

Dist. No. 1 (9)	Deborah Billian, d; William P. Brennan, d; George F. Brown, d; Julie M. Brown, r; Anne C. Grassie, d; Nancy Hildebrandt-Warren, d; Pamela J. Hubbard, d; Shawn Mickelonis, d; Robert J. Watson, d
Dist. No. 2 (5)	Roger R. Berube, d; Dana S. Hilliard, d; Deanna S. Rollo, d; Michael S. Rollo, d; Dale R. Sprague, d
Dist. No. 3 (8)	Lawrence D. Brown, d; Rachel Burke, d; James E. Cyr, d; Marlene M. DeChane, d; Kay Oppenheimer, d; Robert J. Perry, d; Robert S. Srnec, d; Dennis P. Vachon, d
Dist. No. 4 (3)	Brendon S. Browne, d; Thomas R. Fargo, d; Peter B. Schmidt, d
Dist. No. 5 (3)	Jennifer M. Brown, d; Baldwin M. Domingo, d; Sarah Hutz, d
Dist. No. 6 (3)	Earle Goodwin, d; Roland P. Hofemann, d; William V. Knowles, d
Dist. No. 7 (6)	Naida L. Kaen, d&r; Joseph M. Miller, d; Emma L. Rous, d; Marjorie K. Smith, d&r; Judith T. Spang, d; Janet G. Wall, d&r

SULLIVAN COUNTY (13)

Dist. No. 1 (2)	Matthew Houde, d&r; Carla M. Skinder, d&r
Dist. No. 2 (3)	Peter E. Franklin, d; Arthur G. Jillette, d; Beverly T. Rodeschin, r
Dist. No. 3 (1)	Suzanne H. Gottling, d
Dist. No. 4 (5)	John R. Cloutier, d&r; Larry Converse, d; Thomas E. Donovan, d&r; Raymond Gagnon, d&r; Ellen Nielsen, d
Dist. No. 5 (2)	Brenda L. Ferland, d; James G. Phinizy, d&r

With 388 members-elect having answered the call of the roll, a quorum was declared present.

NOTIFICATIONS OF ABSENCE

The following representatives-elect notified the Clerk of their absence for the day:
Representatives-elect Daler, Goyette, Oppenheimer, Roberts and Francis Sullivan, the day, illness.
Representatives-elect C. Pennington Brown, Garcia, Gorman, L'Heureux, Moran and Oliver, the day, important business.

RESOLUTION

Representatives-elect Kopka and Whalley offered the following:
RESOLVED, that a committee 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 the following: Representatives-elect Robert A. Johnson, Laura C. Pantelakos, Mary Jane Wallner and Betty B. Hall.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Victor Schulze, Jeanne Schulze, Victoria Robinson, Julia and Suzanne Mazak, Melia and Peter Robinson, Kate, Dylan, Willem and Anders Schulze, husband, daughters and grandchildren of Rep-elect Schulze. Marcia, Maurine and John Preston, guests of Rep-elect Mark Preston. Kristen and Matt Warren, guests of Rep-elect Warren. Gail E. Kennedy, wife of Rep-elect Kennedy. Jon Woodhull, husband of Rep-elect Skinder. K.C. DeStanto, guest of Rep-elect Holden. Carol, Jeffrey and Jennifer Day, wife, son and daughter of Rep-elect Russell Day. Erika A. Spaulding, guest of Rep-elect Spaulding. Jean Barry, wife of Rep-elect Barry. Theresa Kappler, wife of Rep-elect Kappler. Pauline Martineau, Kimberly Kopaczewski and Ben Martineau, guests of Rep-elect Martineau. Nancy Kelley, wife of Rep-elect John Kelley. Joseph, Phillip and Hadassah Edwards and Sebastian Cheramie, guests of Rep-elect Edwards. Pat Srnec, wife of Rep-elect Srnec. Carol Perry, wife of Rep-elect Perry. Diane Goodman, Hon. Jim Curran, former member from Hancock, Polly Curran, Amy Markus and Karen Premienau, wife and guests of Rep-elect Mack. Christine Reuschel, wife of Rep-elect Reuschel. Alicen Hogan, Kathryn Hogan-Bouchie and Domenique Hogan, guests of Rep-elect Hogan. Tabatha Hebert, guest of Rep-elect Hebert. Joe, Owen and Ryan Russell, husband and sons of Rep-elect Kathleen Russell. Dennis Kepner, Meg Kepner and Richard Devor, husband, daughter and guest of Rep-elect Kepner. John Lisle, Frank Miethe and Gerry Small, husband, brother and guest of Rep-elect Lisle. Larry Miller, husband of Rep-elect Judy Day. Rick Merrick, Michel Sturm, Mathew, Ryan and Hannah Sturm, Larry Brown, Judy Garfinkel and Celeste Pitts, husband, sister, nephews, niece and guests of Rep-elect Evalyn Merrick. John Kjellman, Jameyanne and Mary Fuller, guests of Rep-elect Kjellman. Doug and Nora Kelly, husband and sister-in-law of Rep-elect Sally Kelly. Deborah and Erin Murphy, spouse and daughter of Rep-elect Emiro. Les and Ken Schoof and Marilyn Nussbaum, guests of Rep-elect Butler. Emmy Brown, mother of Rep-elect Nord. Gloria Pilotte, Ronald and Lorraine Pilotte, spouse, brother and sister-in-law of Rep-elect Pilotte. William Thomas, husband of Rep-elect Yvonne Thomas. Thomas and Myra Opal and Gail Kinney, guests of Reps-elect Solomon, Mulholland and Laliberte. Janice Ulery, wife of Rep-elect Ulery. Regina and Christopher O'Neil, wife and son of Rep-elect O'Neil. Constance Cunningham, wife of Rep-elect Cunningham. Sally Humphries and Debbie Stohrer, wife and guest of Rep-elect Humphries. Garrett Lear, guest of Rep-elect Itse. Violet and Cagney Hatch, wife and son of Rep-elect Hatch. Bill Hanson, guest of Rep-elect Sara Kelly. Seth Wall, son of Rep-elect Wall. Sydni, Ashley, Katelin and Franklin Garrity, wife, daughters and son of Rep-elect James Garrity. Anna Mulholland, daughter of Rep-elect Mulholland. Kerry Virgien, guest of Rep-elect Scott Merrick. Joseph, Ellen and Jonathan Derosa, guests of Reps-elect James Garrity and Winchell. Edward and Virginia Rinaldi, guests of Rep-elect Crane. Virginia Foose, Patricia Bechok, Greg and Henry Bechok, wife, daughter and grandsons of Rep-elect Foose. Anastasiya and Stanislav Mickelonis, Anna and Gilman Hibbard and Doralee and Robert Ray, wife, son and guests of Rep-elect Mickelonis. Emma Duff Pierce, Robert Duff, Elizabeth and Catherine Sensenig and Heather Irbinskas, daughter and guests of Rep-elect Pierce. Purr Whalley, guest of Rep-elect Whalley. Lorinda Rausch, guest of Rep-elect Rausch. Beth Campbell, guest of Rep-elect Wheeler. Maria and Paul McKenna, parents of Rep-elect McKenna. Brenda Major, wife of Rep-elect Major. Jessica Paul-Levasseur, Jean, Kim and Chelsea Levasseur, wife, parents and sister of Rep-elect Levasseur. Jaci Grote, wife of Rep-elect Grote. Nancy Borden, wife of Rep-elect Borden. Patricia Davis and Anne Maxwell, wife and sister of Rep-elect Davis. Hon. Janet Fortnam, former member from Pembroke, Janet Anderson, Ken Ayles and Reggie Baxter, guests of the Pembroke delegation. Lois Hofemann, wife of Rep-elect Hofemann. Patricia

Manseau, guest of Rep-elect Greco. Kathryn Coughlin, daughter of Rep-elect Coughlin. Rita Cloney, guest of Reps-elect Sandra Smith and Brunelle. Christopher Messier, son of Rep-elect Messier. June Cyr, wife of Rep-elect Cyr. Elsie Domingo, wife of Rep-elect Domingo. Christie Vilsack, First Lady of the State of Iowa, guest of Rep-elect Ryan. Allison and Daryl Browne, Jordan, Alexander and Orion Browne, and Walt Mayshack, daughter, son-in-law, grandsons and guest of Rep-elect Estes. Faith, Jennifer and Reily Tobin, wife, daughter and granddaughter of Rep-elect Tobin. Ruth Ann Williams, wife of Rep-elect Burton Williams. Betty King, wife of Rep-elect King. Roberta Ingram, wife of Rep-elect Ingram. Joel Sherburn, Hon. Bob Davidson, former member from Newmarket, Hon. William McCann, former member from Dover and Patricia Holmes, family and guests of Rep-elect DeChane. Carol and Jennifer Day, wife and daughter of Rep-elect Day. David and Sandra Bettencourt, parents of Rep-elect Bettencourt. Kathleen DiFruscia, Barbara Bunker and Camaron Iannafo, wife and guests of Rep-elect DiFruscia. Allen, Gina and Daniel Norelli, Vince Lombardi, Ellen Fineberg, Sarah Fineberg-Lombardi, Hon. Raymond Buckley, former member from Manchester, Hon. Sandra Keans, former member from Rochester and Hon. Marion Copenhaver, former member from Etna, guests of Rep-elect Norelli. Charlene Kane, daughter of former Rep. Cecelia Kane, guest of the Portsmouth delegation. Kathy Sullivan, Chair of the New Hampshire Democratic Party, Hon. Jim Craig, Hon. Rick Trombly and Hon. Chris Spirou, past House Minority Leaders, guests of the Democratic Caucus. Former Minority Leaders who were invited, but unable to attend: Hon. Mary Chambers, Hon. Bob Raiche and Hon. Bill Craig.

OATH OF OFFICE

Governor John H. Lynch, 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, Raymond J. Wieczorek and Debora B. Pignatelli. 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. Abbott placed the name of Rep. Terie Norelli in nomination for Speaker. Reps. Rous and Daniel Eaton seconded the nomination.

Rep. Whalley moved that nominations be closed and one ballot be cast for Rep. Terie Norelli. Adopted.
The Chair declared Rep. Terie Norelli the duly-elected Speaker of the House for the 2007-2008 biennium.

The Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Speaker Norelli to the rostrum. The Speaker addressed the House.

(Speaker Norelli in the Chair)

Rep. Daniel Eaton moved that the remarks by Speaker Norelli be placed in the Permanent Journal.
Adopted.

Speaker Norelli: Good afternoon. It is a good afternoon. There are two things that many people in New Hampshire thought that they would never see in their lifetime: The Boston Red Sox winning the World Series and a Democratic Speaker of the New Hampshire House. It is with profound sense of humility and recognition of the history of this moment, that I

accept this gavel and gratefully acknowledge the confidence that you have placed in me. In doing so, I take an office that once was thought to be unattainable for a member of my party. Please allow me to recognize some of the very most important people in my life who have joined us here today: My husband, Allen, and my children, Gina and Daniel. Certainly without their support and patience over the past few months I wouldn't possibly have been able to stay grounded and I am sure to tell the three of them that a lot of you would appreciate it if they kept up the job for a little bit longer. Here also are our very dear family friends, Vince Lombardi, the other Vince Lombardi, Ellen Fineberg, Sarah Fineberg-Lombardi and their exchange student from Romania, Raz Birca. I saw that nice smile on Raz' face. What a nice treat it is for him to see New Hampshire democracy up close in action. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the presence of my predecessor, Doug Scamman, whose devotion to this institution and love of our state is unquestioned. Doug has been most gracious and helpful to me during this transition, and it is truly an honor for me to take the gavel from him today. Thanks to you Doug, and to Stella, for all you have both done to make New Hampshire a wonderful place to live in.

Let me take a moment to congratulate Sylvia Larsen on her election as Senate President. I look forward to working with her and with her Senate colleagues as we strive to meet the challenges that lay ahead.

The gavel that has been placed in my hands today has been passed through the hands of my predecessors for over 200 years, and I am mindful of the awesome responsibility of this office. I pledge to you and to the people of New Hampshire that I will uphold the dignity of this, the people's House, to ensure that this institution lives up to the highest standards that are expected of us. As the next session begins and we inevitably get locked in the debates of the issues of the day, we must not lose sight of the historical perspective, because today, along with our Senate colleagues, we gather in the oldest legislative chambers that are in continuous use in the United States.

Those who have come before us would marvel at the complexity of our modern society and the issues we will begin to debate as the legislative session gets underway. Let us remember that there is a continuous thread that binds us all to the past and to those who have labored and deliberated here, often long into the night. We should treasure the society that they built for us. We owe these citizens who stepped forward and volunteered their time and their energy an enormous debt of gratitude, and I will do everything that I can possibly do to honor the legacy that they have left for us.

I would like to acknowledge Governor Lynch for his strong leadership and for his climate of bipartisanship. I believe this is the message that the citizens of New Hampshire powerfully affirmed in the last election, and it should set the tone for our deliberations going forward. We have an opportunity to work together to address the needs of the people we came here to represent, and an opportunity to send a clear message that we can cooperate for the common good. Today, on behalf of the majority, I extend a hand of friendship across the aisle. I trust that we will agree when that's possible, that we will disagree when that's necessary, and that we will put into practice the old adage that it is possible to disagree without being disagreeable. I offer my congratulations to Representative Whalley and look forward to working with him and with our fellow Republican members to ensure that our deliberations are fair to every member of this House.

I recognize that the Republican members of this House find themselves in a position that is as foreign to you as being in the majority is to myself and my Democratic colleagues. That means there will be a period of adjustment as we all grow accustomed to our new offices and our new roles, and I ask for your indulgence during this historic transition. Let us also be mindful of the peaceful and smooth transfer of power, and understand that it is a symbol of the maturity of our democratic form of governance that we now take something so significant as something that's almost ordinary.

We all recognize the political nature of the work that we do and how our actions are and will be analyzed by those already looking ahead to the next election. We all understand the vital

role of the election process, but there is, and there must be, a separation between legislative and electoral politics. Therefore, the Majority and the Minority Offices will be staffed by professionals who understand and respect the legislative process and the dignity of this House.

We are a unique institution, by far the most representative state legislative body in the nation; almost in the world. While it's almost unheard of elsewhere to have husbands and wives, parents and children, and all other combinations of family members serving in the state legislature, here in New Hampshire it is pretty commonplace. It has been said that if you live long enough, you will eventually serve in the New Hampshire Legislature. So those of you up there that haven't been here yet, you will. Many of you who sit here today can recall a parent or grandparent, aunt or uncle, or a sibling that sat in this chamber once before. I know it is a source of great pride for Doug Scamman that his father once wielded the gavel, and it is interesting to note that Doug's father was the Speaker when Jim Craig's father was the Democratic Leader.

We must never lose sight of the fact that many of you are seated now next to someone who might become your very best friend. We have had people from every walk of life, representing every profession. Get to know them. Every profession and every faith; form a bond of friendship that lasted well beyond their service in this chamber. They recounted their child's latest athletic, academic and professional successes, shared photos of their newest grandchild, attended weddings and other joyous events, and even sometimes consoled one another in their shared grief at the loss of one of our colleagues.

There are people who came here with an unshakeable belief in their position on a particular issue, only to find that indeed there are two sides to every coin. Ultimately, this business of legislating is about building relationships, and we all discover, at some point in our careers here, that party affiliation can sometimes serve as little more than a distraction. When our service here has ended, whether by choice or because the voters have made that choice for us, each of us hopes to look back with pride on the public policy that we had a hand in crafting, hopeful that our state is a better place because we served here. Our work will be bound and placed on the shelves in our public libraries, judicial chambers and law offices, and pored over for years to come by attorneys, judges, scholars and future legislators. But what they won't be able to see on those pages are the handshakes, the kind words and the lasting bonds of friendship.

In the coming two years, much will be asked of me, and in turn, I will ask much of you: patience, understanding, and bridging the political divide in order to enact laws that will benefit the citizens of our great state. As I speak to you today, I acknowledge that one of the most important duties of the Speaker of this House is to uphold the House position on legislation, determined by the committee process and by vote of this body. I will work cooperatively, but I also will be firm in my dealings in representing the House before the Governor and the Senate.

We know our responsibility to resolve the ongoing challenge of providing an adequate education for our children. There is no simple solution. If there was, we all know this would have been solved a long time ago. As a former teacher, education is a subject that I hold near and dear to my heart and a profession that I hold in the highest esteem. This issue will be debated in full, and I remain hopeful that a lasting and bipartisan solution can be found. We owe it to our children, the future of our state, to solve this issue once and for all.

Of course, this is not the only issue that we face. Many of you are hard at work crafting legislation and formulating plans to address a wide array of complex and critically important issues facing our state. I look forward to a thorough and open dialogue and encourage the citizens of our state to participate in this important process.

Thank you all for the confidence you have placed in me and for the kind words, for all the offers of support. The people of New Hampshire are justifiably proud of our citizen Legislature. I care passionately about the life of this institution and I look forward to working with all of you as we do the work of the people of our great state. Thank you.

ELECTION OF HOUSE OFFICERS

The Speaker declared nominations were in order for Clerk of the House.
Rep. Campbell placed in nomination the name of Karen O. Wadsworth for Clerk of the House.
Rep. Hager seconded the nomination.
Rep. Weyler moved that nominations be closed and one ballot cast for Karen O. Wadsworth.
Adopted.
The Speaker declared Karen O. Wadsworth the duly-elected Clerk of the House for the 2007-2008 biennium.

The Speaker declared nominations were in order for Sergeant-at-Arms.
Rep. Parkhurst placed in nomination the name of Deborah Nielsen for Sergeant-at-Arms.
Rep. Winchell seconded the nomination.
Rep. Weyler moved that nominations be closed and one ballot cast for Deborah Nielsen.
Adopted.
The Speaker declared Deborah Nielsen the duly-elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House for the 2007-2008 biennium.

The Speaker administered the oath of office to Karen O. Wadsworth and Deborah Nielsen.

RESOLUTION

Reps. Foster and Whalley offered the following:
RESOLVED, that the House inform the Honorable Senate it has organized and has elected its officers 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 organized and has elected as its officers: Sen. Sylvia B. Larsen, President; Tammy L. Wright, Clerk; Robert Buchholz, Assistant Clerk; and Carleton Marshall, Sergeant-at-Arms and Doorkeeper, Henry W. Wilson.

The Senate is organized and ready to meet with the Honorable House of Representatives in Joint Convention for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State and a State Treasurer.

JOINT CONVENTION
(Speaker Norelli presiding)

The Speaker called the Joint Convention to order.

The Chair declared nominations were in order for Secretary of State.
Sen. Jack Barnes placed the name of William M. Gardner in nomination for Secretary of State.
Dean of the House Robert A. Johnson, Reps. Pantelakos, David Cote and Villeneuve non-spoke and seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for William M. Gardner.
The Chair declared William M. Gardner the duly-elected Secretary of State for the 2007-2008 biennium and administered the oath of office to Mr. Gardner.

The Chair declared nominations were in order for State Treasurer.
Rep. Wallner placed the name of Catherine Provencher in nomination for State Treasurer.
Rep. Weyler and Sen. D'Allesandro seconded the nomination.

Rep. McRae placed the name of Frank Sapareto in nomination for State Treasurer.
Rep. Lund and Sen. Roberge seconded the nomination.

Rep. Eric Anderson placed the name of Anthony Stevens in nomination for State Treasurer.
Reps. Pierce and McMahon and Sen. Cilley seconded the nomination.

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

Sen. Burling moved that the State Treasurer be elected by a majority vote of those members present and voting.
Seconded by Rep. Phinizy.
Adopted.

The Clerk, at the request of the candidate, named Reps. Walz and Phinizy as tellers for Anthony Stevens.

RECESS FOR BALLOTING
(Speaker Norelli in the Chair)

Of the 393 votes cast, 197 votes were needed for election. Catherine Provencher received 237 votes, Frank Sapareto received 12 votes and Anthony Stevens received 144 votes. The Chair declared Catherine Provencher duly-elected State Treasurer for the 2007-2008 biennium.

Sen. Foster and Rep. Wallner moved that the Joint Convention arise.
Adopted.
The Joint Convention adjourned.

HOUSE SESSION
(Speaker Norelli in the Chair)

The Speaker reconvened the House session.

APPOINTMENTS

The Speaker made the following appointments:
Deputy Speaker, Linda T. Foster
Majority Leader, Mary Jane Wallner
Minority Leader, Michael D. Whalley

Reps. Wallner and Whalley offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, that the House adopt the Rules of the 2006 session for the 2007-2008 biennium.
Adopted.

Reps. Wallner and Whalley offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

RESOLVED, that all 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. Wallner and Whalley offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

RESOLVED, that the following policy be established for the distribution of House calendars and journals, bills and resolutions to members of the General Court and state departments:
1. Every citizen 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 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. Wallner and Whalley offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

RESOLVED, that the Speaker may employ such personnel as she may deem necessary and, with the approval of the House subcommittee of the Committee on Legislative Facilities, may fix their compensation in accordance with RSA 17-E:5.
Adopted.

Reps. Wallner and Whalley offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

RESOLVED, that the members will be paid their legislative salary, as provided in the Constitution, in the month of January 2007, and that mileage of members of the House of Representatives be paid every two weeks during the session.
Adopted.

SEATING OF MEMBER FROM HILLSBOROUGH, DISTRICT 3

COMMUNICATION

77 Old Dublin Road
Peterborough, NH 03458
November 27, 2006

Office of the House Clerk
State House, Room 317
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Ms. Wadsworth,
I write to you regarding the tied vote in Hillsborough County District 3 which is to be decided by the General Court on December 6, 2006.
It has been a unique experience being a candidate and declared the winner, attending the education forum and caucus, and participating in the recount. I am impressed by the care the state takes to ensure accuracy and fairness to candidates. Both Steve Spratt and I were

surprised at the outcome, a tied vote, and then learning that only the General Court, respecting voters' choices, could decide whom to seat.
District 3 is composed of four towns, Greenville, New Ipswich, Peterborough and Sharon, as you well know. The three duly elected candidates all live in Peterborough, and so do I. It seems very wrong to me that all the representatives come from only one of the four towns, and none of the representatives live in Greenville, New Ipswich, or Sharon.
Steve Spratt is a good man. He lives in Greenville. I supported his candidacy and voted for him. He is well liked in both Greenville and New Ipswich. He is on the Mascenic Regional School District Board. He has a creative mind, and he is a problem solver. I recommend that the representatives seat him. If circumstances had been different, I would have been delighted to serve.

Yours truly,
Shirley R. Garhart

Reps. Wallner and Whalley offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Relative to the tied election in Hillsborough County District 3.

WHEREAS, the general election in Hillsborough County District 3 has resulted in a tie between Shirley R. Garhart and Stephen P. Spratt, and
WHEREAS, this House has the constitutional authority to settle this matter by voting to seat one of these individuals as a member, and
WHEREAS, Shirley R. Garhart has communicated her desire that the House seat Stephen P. Spratt in order to provide representation to the smaller towns in the District, now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED by the House of Representatives that Stephen P. Spratt be seated as a member representing Hillsborough County District 3, and be it further
RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of State, to Shirley R. Garhart and to Stephen P. Spratt.
Rep. Hess spoke in favor and yielded to questions.
Rep. Vaillancourt spoke against.
Rep. Irwin spoke in favor.
Adopted.

Rep. Whalley moved that the remarks made by Rep. Hess be printed in the Permanent Journal.
Adopted.
Rep. Hess: Thank you very much Madam Speaker, and may I say that has a lyrical sound to it. Madam Speaker, I do not rise to oppose this resolution, but I want to make the facts, the unique facts and circumstances of this resolution perfectly clear on the record so that the action that we are about to take will not be cited as an improper or inappropriate precedent or misused for partisan purposes in the future. As the resolution states, we as seated members of the House have the unique and exclusive power to determine, to judge the qualifications, returns and elections of our members. That power is awesome because there is no appeal from our decision. It doesn't have to be passed by another body. It doesn't have to be voted upon by any member of the executive branch. It is ours and ours alone and we decide it.
Very rarely do we have tie votes in this House. The last one occurred about twenty odd years ago. Some four thousand of us have been sworn in since then and at that time, at that tie vote, this House adopted a long standing, fair, impartial and bipartisan precedent. This House voted to call a special election limited only to the two candidates who had gotten tie

votes so that the voice of the people that they were to represent would be fully, completely and honestly reflected in the House. This resolution does something different, but it does it for a very unique reason. Because, in effect, one of the candidates has conceded the election to the other and the one that we are presently going to be voting on to seat is the candidate that the other tie vote getter wants us to elect. I think it is very important that we put firmly and clearly on the record it is for that circumstance and for that circumstance only that we are choosing between two candidates who have received a tie vote. And I thank you for your time, Madam Speaker.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Wallner 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 be read a third time and passed. Adopted.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Reps. Winchell and Larry Brown addressed the House.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:57 p.m. until Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.