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The House assembled at 10:00 a.m., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the Speaker.

His Excellency, Governor John H. Lynch, joined the Speaker on the rostrum for the day's opening ceremonies.

A moment of silence was observed in honor and memory of President Gerald R. Ford.

Prayer was offered by House Chaplain, Reverend Jared A. Rardin, Pastor of the South Congregational Church in Concord.

O God, we gather in the freshness of this New Year, filled with all the eagerness and all the uncertainty and all the opportunity You always seem to bring our way whether we seek it or not. Fill us with faith in all that awaits us in the session ahead. Give us new faith in one another. Give us renewed faith in the future, and every now and then grant us the indelible joy of knowing that we were able to help someone somewhere. And give us the courage to trust that if we would but stop long enough to discern Your spirit as it moves in our midst, that all shall be well.

Invigorate, we pray, our passion for public service. Help us to embrace and to truly love the public we serve, as though they were sitting right here beside us. Help us also to learn to love the act of serving them, seeking not so much to be successful as to be effective. Help us to have our differences without letting our differences have us. And guide us in such a way that we might become a model of dialogue and creativity in the year to come.

We offer up our special prayers this morning for the nation and for the family of President Gerald Ford, and give thanks for the healing he brought to the nation in a time of scandal and distrust.

We pray for Governor Lynch, whose inauguration we celebrate tomorrow and who continues to invite us to work together. We pray for Speaker Norelli as she shoulders the mantle of guidance and leadership; we pray for Majority Leader Wallner and her staff; we pray for Republican Leader Whalley and his staff; we pray for our colleagues across the hall in the

Senate as they begin their work today; we pray for our Clerk of the House Karen Wadsworth and her staff as they shepherd us through a mind-numbing avalanche of protocol and paperwork; and we pray for all those behind the scenes here at the Capitol who prepare the bills, who field the phone calls, who sweep the floors and who serve the food. And perhaps most of all, we pray for those we know and those we don't who are sick, grieving, alone, hopeless, homeless, or at their wits or resources end. Bless them, heal them, and keep us ever mindful of their need. In Your Holy name we pray. Amen.

Rep. Henry Parkhurst, member from Winchester, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Bleyler, Lessard and Srnec, the day, illness.

Reps. Camm, Hilliard, Jane Kelley, Mesa, Priestley, Reeves, Serlin and Wickson, the day, important business.

Rep. Butcher, the day, illness in the family.

Rep. Jennifer Brown, the day, death in the family.

COMMUNICATION

December 12, 2006

Karen Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

The following representatives-elect were sworn into office by the Governor and Executive Council on this day:

Hillsborough County District 3, Stephen P. Spratt, d, Greenville (PO Box 168) 03048

Hillsborough County District 4, Jennifer Daler, d, Temple (PO Box 22) 03084

Hillsborough County District 23, Mary Gorman, d, Nashua (44 ½ Amherst Street) 03064

Hillsborough County District 19, Robert L'Heureux, r, Merrimack (94 Back River Rd) 03054

Hillsborough County District 27, Peter R. Goyette, Jr., r, Hudson (6 Linda Street) 03051

Merrimack County District 9, James H. Oliver, r, Hooksett (1465 Hooksett Rd #119) 03106

Rockingham County District 4, Marilinda Garcia, r, Salem (23 School Street) 03079

Sincerely,

Karen Ladd, Assistant Secretary of State

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Irene Kelly, daughter of Rep. Sally Kelly. Anna Pawley, mother of Rep. Movsesian. Hon. Gloria Seldin, former member from Concord, Hon. Sandra Harris and Hon. Joseph Harris, former members from Claremont, guests of Reps. Wallner and DeJoie. Richard Boutwell, Joseph Lavigne and Edward Thorburn, guests of Rep. Parkhurst. Sarah and Colby Aiken, guests of Rep. DeJoie. Joshua, Rebecca, Sarah, Ashley, Brianna, Julia and Brenda Blanchard and Steve Kurtz, grandchildren and guest of Rep. Blanchard. Hon. Raymond Buckley, former member from Manchester, guest of Rep. Brunelle. David Goodwin, son of Rep. Goodwin. Lou and Vivianne Versace, guests of Rep. Tupper. Gary Provencher, Emily and Curtis Provencher, Curtis, Ellen and Amy Laffin and Judith and Mark Timney, guests of the House.

RESOLUTION

Reps. Wallner and Whalley offered the following:

RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives inform the Honorable Senate it is ready to meet in Joint Convention for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Governor and Executive Council, and for the taking of the oath by the State Treasurer.

Adopted.

SENATE MESSAGE

The Senate is now ready to meet with the Honorable House of Representatives in Joint Convention for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Governor and Executive Council and for the swearing in of the State Treasurer.

JOINT CONVENTION
(Speaker Norelli presiding)

RESOLUTION

Rep. Wallner and Sen. Foster offered the following:

RESOLVED, that the Honorable Deputy Secretary of State be requested to lay before the Joint Convention the return votes for Governor and Executive Council.

Adopted.

In accordance with Article 42, Part 2 of the New Hampshire Constitution, the Honorable David M. Scanlan, Deputy Secretary of State, appeared before the Joint Convention and presented the return votes for Governor and the Executive Council cast in the General Election held November 7, 2006 as follows:

FOR GOVERNOR

	John H. Lynch, d	James B. Coburn, r
Belknap	15,467	5,050
Carroll	13,403	5,225
Cheshire	20,459	5,278
Coos	7,746	2,216
Grafton	22,452	6,573
Hillsborough	81,222	32,478
Merrimack	39,351	10,412
Rockingham	61,102	26,998
Strafford	27,168	6,776
Sullivan	<u>10,391</u>	<u>3,282</u>
TOTALS	298,761	104,288

John H. Lynch, having a plurality of 194,473 votes, was elected.

FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCILORS

First District	Raymond S. Burton, r	47,598
	Mark Blotner, d	<u>35,156</u>
	Plurality for Burton	12,442
Second District	John D. Shea, d	41,618
	Peter J. Spaulding, r	<u>40,435</u>
	Plurality for Shea	1,183
Third District	Beverly Hollingworth, d	46,512
	Charles W. Morse, r	<u>35,329</u>
	Plurality for Hollingworth	11,183
Fourth District	Raymond J. Wieczorek, r	36,939
	Paul R.R. Martineau, d	<u>28,972</u>
	Plurality for Wieczorek	7,967
Fifth District	Debora B. Pignatelli, d	44,671

Robert L. Wheeler, r
Plurality for Pignatelli

30,740
13,931

RESOLUTION

Rep. Wallner and Sen. Foster offered the following:

RESOLVED, that the vote for Governor and Executive Council be referred to a committee consisting of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House to compare and count the same and report thereon.

Adopted.

The Chair appointed Reps. Robert Johnson, Wallner and Pantelakos and Sens. Foster and Gatsas.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Sergeant-at-Arms escorted State Treasurer-elect Catherine Provencher to the rostrum. The Speaker administered the oath of office to Catherine Provencher who thereafter addressed the Joint Convention.

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

Adopted.

The Joint Convention adjourned.

HOUSE SESSION **(Speaker Norelli in the Chair)**

The Speaker reconvened the House Session.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Speaker presented Rep. Robert A. Johnson, with Dean of the House Legislative license plates.

Rep. Hess moved that the remarks made by the Dean of the House, Rep. Robert Johnson, be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Adopted.

Rep. Robert Johnson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My comments will probably be as brief as I am about some subjects. I very much appreciate being the Dean of the House. It seems like yesterday in 1940 that I had my first session, and with the exception of time that I spent in the state prison, I have enjoyed the House. I don't know. I think I have said enough.

[Clerk's Note: Rep. Robert A. Johnson served as Director of the New Hampshire Parole Board, retiring in 1984]

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Rowe addressed the House.

RECESS MOTION

Rep. Wallner moved that the House stand in recess until Thursday, January 4, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

Adopted.

The House recessed at 11:10 a.m.

RECESS

(Speaker Norelli in the Chair)

The Speaker appointed Standing Committees of the House as follows:

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

DEMOCRATS

Gile, Mary Stuart, Chairman
Richardson, Barbara Hull, Vice Chairman
Grassie, Anne C.
Ginsburg, Ruth
Blanchard, Elizabeth D.
Flockhart, Eileen C.
Matarazzo, Anthony P., Sr.
Walz, Mary Beth E.
Rollo, Deanna S.
Arsenault, Beth
Farley, Michael

REPUBLICANS

Itse, Daniel C.
Brown, Julie M.
Gargas, Carolyn M.
Moran, Edward P.
Garcia, Marilinda
Hogan, Edith
Johnson, Jane B.
Spaulding, Jayne E.

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DEMOCRATS

Reardon, Tara G., Chairman
DeStefano, Stephen T., Vice Chairman
Kopka, Angeline A.
McEachern, Paul
Butler, Edward A.
Hammond, Jill Shaffer
Houde, Matthew
Matheson, Robert F.
Nord, Susi
Spratt, Stephen P.
Warren, Nancy Hildebrandt
Winters, Joel

REPUBLICANS

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Flanders, Donald H.
Clark, Charles L.
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Burridge, Delmar D.
Fontas, Jeffrey P.
Forest, Armand D.
Grote, Otto F.
Mickelonis, Shawn
Nielsen, Ellen

REPUBLICANS

Welch, David A.
Fesh, Bob M.
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Charron, Gene P.

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Casey, Kimberley S.
Shaw, Barbara E.
Merrick, Scott A.
Shaw, Kimberly C.
Day, Judy
O'Neil, James M.
Reever, Judith

Hess, David W.
Remick, William J.
Stiles, Nancy F.
McRae, Karen K.
Crane, Elenore Casey
Price, Pamela G.

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