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On the first Wednesday in December in the year of our Lord, two thousand eight, it being the day designated by the Constitution for assembling, the one hundred and sixty-first 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.

God of Light and Life: We gather on this day of new beginnings and high expectations mindful of both promise and challenge. This hallowed chamber is filled with our desires to do our very best for the people of New Hampshire, especially the young, who embody so much promise. And at the same time we come, as do legislators and leaders around the world, facing some very real logistical and financial challenges. Many of our residents, and even some of us here, are facing some very stark realities and hard choices.

So in this season of the year, paradoxically filled with gathering darkness and outpourings of love, give to us all the ability to see Your light in our lives and to heed it in our work. Give to each and every one of us in this legislative session an extra measure of creativity. Grant to us all the readiness to listen to one another, to value one another regardless of affiliation, and to work together for the common good. And surprise us, we pray, with miraculous moments and hearts that are truly grateful for the privileges and responsibilities that are given to us in this season. In Your Holy name we pray. Amen.

Representative-elect Brian Poznanski of Nashua led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was sung by Representative-elect James Garrity of Atkinson.

CALL OF THE ROLL BELKNAP COUNTY (18)

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

- Dist. No. 2 (2)** Dennis H. Fields, r; Liz Merry, d
Dist. No. 3 (2) Kate Miller, d; Stephen H. Nedeau, r
Dist. No. 4 (5) Beth Arsenault, d; Donald H. Flanders, r; Judith Reeve, d; Richard T. Stuart, d; John A. Veazey, r
Dist. No. 5 (7) Peter S. Bolster, r; Laurie J. Boyce, r; William Johnson, d; Alida I. Millham, r; James P. Pilliod, r; Jeffrey L. St. Cyr, r; Elaine B. Swinford, r
Dist. No. 6 (1) David H. Russell, r

CARROLL COUNTY (14)

- Dist. No. 1 (4)** Thomas L. Bucu, d; Edward A. Butler, d; Gene G. Chandler, r; Karen C. Umberger, r
Dist. No. 2 (1) Bob Bridgham, d
Dist. No. 3 (3) Mark McConkey, r; John E. Roberts, r; Susan Wiley, d
Dist. No. 4 (4) Christopher J. Ahlgren, r; David J. Knox, r; Betsey L. Patten, r; Stanley E. Stevens, r
Dist. No. 5 (2) Joseph W. Fleck, r; Dino A. Scala, r

CHESHIRE COUNTY (24)

- Dist. No. 1 (1)** John J. Laurent, r
Dist. No. 2 (3) Daniel A. Eaton, d; Tara Sad, d; Lucy McV. Weber, d
Dist. No. 3 (7) Delmar D. Burrige, d; Suzanne S. Butcher, d; Steven W. Lindsey, d; David R. Meader, d; Kris E. Roberts, d; Timothy N. Robertson, d; Charles F. Weed, d
Dist. No. 4 (4) Tim Butterworth, d; William Butynski, d; Daniel P. Carr, d; Henry A.L. Parkhurst, d
Dist. No. 5 (1) Barbara Hull Richardson, d
Dist. No. 6 (4) Peter H. Allen, d; Nancy L. Carlson, d; Jane B. Johnson, r; Alfred C. Lerandeau, d
Dist. No. 7 (4) Susan Emerson, r; John B. Hunt, r; Bonnie G. Mitchell, d; Franklin W. Sterling, Jr., r

COOS COUNTY (11)

- Dist. No. 1 (2)** Laurence M. Rappaport, r; Eric G. Stohl, r&d
Dist. No. 2 (4) Evalyn S. Merrick, d; Scott A. Merrick, d; William J. Remick, r; Herb Richardson, r
Dist. No. 3 (1) William A. Hatch, d
Dist. No. 4 (4) Paul H. Ingersoll, d; Lucy Mears, d; Robert L. Theberge, d; Yvonne Thomas, d

GRAFTON COUNTY (26)

- Dist. No. 1 (2)** Rusty Bulis, r; Brien Ward, r
Dist. No. 2 (1) Kathy Taylor, d
Dist. No. 3 (2) Susan Ford, d; Edmond D. Gionet, r
Dist. No. 4 (1) Robert F. Matheson, d
Dist. No. 5 (2) Elected, not sworn in; Rick Ladd, r
Dist. No. 6 (2) James D. Aguiar, d; Carol Friedrich, d
Dist. No. 7 (2) Mary R. Cooney, d; Suzanne Smith, d
Dist. No. 8 (3) Margie Maybeck, r; Philip Preston, d; Burton W. Williams, r
Dist. No. 9 (4) Bernard L. Benn, d; Sharon L. Nordgren, d; Beatriz Pastor-Bodmer, d;

- David M. Pierce, d
- Dist. No. 10 (3)** Suzanne S. Laliberte, d; Catherine Mulholland, d; Chuck Townsend, d
- Dist. No. 11 (4)** Susan W. Almy, d; Gene F. Andersen, d; Franklin Gould, d; A. Laurie Harding, d

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY (123)

- Dist. No. 1 (3)** Philip Harvey, d; Ron Mack, d; Gilman C. Shattuck, d
- Dist. No. 2 (2)** Catriona Beck, d; Claudia A. Chase, d
- Dist. No. 3 (4)** Jill Shaffer Hammond, d; Anne-Marie Irwin, d; Peter R. Leishman, d; Andrew R. Peterson, r
- Dist. No. 4 (4)** Linda T. Foster, d; Frank R. Holden, r; Bob Mead, r; William L. O'Brien, r
- Dist. No. 5 (4)** Richard B. Drisko, r; Carolyn M. Gargas, r; Melanie Levesque, d; Donald Ryder, r
- Dist. No. 6 (8)** Bill Belvin, r; Peter F. Bergin, r; Shannon E. Chandley, d; elected, not sworn in; Cynthia J. Dokmo, r; Stephen J. Palmer, r; Robert H. Rowe, r; Bob Willette, r
- Dist. No. 7 (8)** Russell C. Day, r; Larry A. Emerton, r; John Hikel, r; Kevin Hodges, d; Randolph N. S. Holden, r; Gary S. Hopper, r; Neal M. Kurk, r; Calvin D. Pratt, r
- Dist. No. 8 (3)** Jeffrey P. Goley, d; Peter Ramsey, d; Dan Sullivan, d
- Dist. No. 9 (3)** James W. Craig, d; elected, not sworn in; Robert B. Thompson, d
- Dist. No. 10 (3)** Alexis Chininis, d; Jean L. Jeudy, d; Patrick T. Long, d
- Dist. No. 11 (3)** Nickolas J. Levasseur, d; Leo P. Pepino, r; Robert M. Walsh, Jr., d
- Dist. No. 12 (3)** Roger G. Hebert, d; Richard N. Komi, d; Ted Rokas, d
- Dist. No. 13 (3)** Benjamin C. Baroody, d; Larry Gagne, r; William J. Infantine, r
- Dist. No. 14 (3)** Patrick F. Garrity, d; Robert J. Haley, d; Carol Ann Williams, d
- Dist. No. 15 (3)** Michael Farley, d; Thomas Katsiantonis, d; Steve Vaillancourt, r
- Dist. No. 16 (3)** Joan Sullivan Flurey, d; Maurice L. Pilote, d; elected, not sworn in
- Dist. No. 17 (8)** Roger R. Beauchamp, d; Jane E. Beaulieu, d; Ronald R. Boisvert, d; George Katsiantonis, d; Irene M. Messier, r; David L. Nixon, d; Connie Soucy, r; Joel Winters, d
- Dist. No. 18 (6)** John Cebrowski, r; John A. Graham, r; Ken Hawkins, r; Edward P. Moran, r; Jayne E. Spaulding, r; Maurice Villeneuve, r
- Dist. No. 19 (8)** Peter L. Batula, r; D.L. Chris Christensen, r; Nancy J. Elliott, r; Dick Hinch, r; Peyton B. Hinkle, r; Bob L'Heureux, r; James M. O'Neil, d; Tony Pellegrino, r
- Dist. No. 20 (3)** Elected, not sworn in; Anthony P. Matarazzo, d; Carl W. Seidel, r
- Dist. No. 21 (3)** Paul L. Hackel, d; Suzanne Harvey, d; Michael McCarthy, r
- Dist. No. 22 (3)** Lori A. Movsesian, d; Brian D. Rhodes, d; elected, not sworn in
- Dist. No. 23 (3)** David E. Cote, d; Mary Gorman, d; Seth Marshall, d
- Dist. No. 24 (3)** David B. Campbell, d; Jane A. Clemons, d; Kenneth N. Gidge, d
- Dist. No. 25 (3)** June M. Caron, d; Edith D. Hogan, r; Timothy Soucy, d
- Dist. No. 26 (10)** Jack Kelley, d; Angeline A. Kopka, d; Roland LaPlante, d; Carolyn M. Lisle, d; Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., d; Brian Poznanski, d; Pamela G. Price, r; Joan H. Schulze, d; Kimberly C. Shaw, d; Peter Silva, r
- Dist. No. 27 (13)** Ralph G. Boehm, r; Lars T. Christiansen, r; Shaun Doherty, r; Laura J. Gandia, r; Robert H. Haefner, r; Valerie S. Hardy, d; Shawn N. Jasper, r; John Knowles, d; Mary Ann Knowles, d; 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) David J. Palfrey, r; Dennis Reed, r; Leigh A. Webb, d
Dist. No. 3 (1) Patricia M. McMahon, d
Dist. No. 4 (3) Christine C. Hamm, d; Derek Owen, d; Gary B. Richardson, d
Dist. No. 5 (2) Barbara C. French, d; Beth Rodd, d
Dist. No. 6 (6) Claire D. Clarke, d; Jennifer Coffey, r; Priscilla P. Lockwood, r; Joy K. Tilton, d; Frank A. Tupper, d; Deborah H. Wheeler, d
Dist. No. 7 (3) Frank W. Davis, d; Sally Kelly, d; Dianne E. Schuett, d
Dist. No. 8 (4) Carole M. Brown, d; Carol McGuire, r; Margaret E. Porter, d; Charles B. Yeaton, d
Dist. No. 9 (4) David R. Boutin, r; David W. Hess, r; Frank R. Kotowski, r; Todd P. Smith, r
Dist. No. 10 (4) Mary Stuart Gile, d; Frances D. Potter, d; Stephen J. Shurtleff, d; William Stetson, d
Dist. No. 11 (5) Michael Bartlett, d; Candace C.W. Bouchard, d; John DeJoie, d; Tara G. Reardon, d; Robert W. Williams, d
Dist. No. 12 (4) Jessie L. Osborne, d; Chip Rice, d; Mary Jane Wallner, d; Rick Watrous, 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; Maureen R. Mann, d; Susi Nord, d; John Reagan, r; Jim Sullivan, r
Dist. No. 2 (3) Franklin C. Bishop, r; Kathleen M. Hoelzel, r; Mike Kappler, r
Dist. No. 3 (9) Clinton Bailey, r; Alfred P. Baldasaro, r; elected, not sworn in; Frank R. Emiro, Sr., r; James F. Headd, r; Karen K. Hutchinson, r; elected, not sworn in; Betsy McKinney, r; Sherman A. Packard, r
Dist. No. 4 (13) David Bates, r; Ronald J. Belanger, r; David J. Bettencourt, r; Margaret M. Crisler, r; Anthony R. DiFruscia, r; Robert J. Elliott, r; Mary E. Griffin, r; Russell F. Ingram, r; Walter Kolodziej, r; Charles E. McMahon, r; Mark Pearson, r; Anne K. Priestley, r; Carolyn B. Webber, d
Dist. No. 5 (11) Pat Dowling, r; Beverly Ann Ferrante, r; Bob M. Fesh, r; elected, not sworn in; Kenneth H. Gould, r; Gina Hutchinson, d; George N. Katsakiores, r; Phyllis M. Katsakiores, r; Barbara A. McCarthy, d; James B. Rausch, r; Frank V. Sapareto, r
Dist. No. 6 (2) Debra L. DeSimone, r; James M. Garrity, r&d
Dist. No. 7 (4) Gene P. Charron, r; James E. Devine, r; Joseph M. Hagan, r; Elisabeth N. Sanders, r
Dist. No. 8 (7) John W. Flanders, Sr., r; Melissa L.B. Lyons, d; Norman L. Major, r; John B. Sedensky, r; Don Van Patten, r; David A. Welch, r; Roger G. Wells, r
Dist. No. 9 (3) Penn Brown, d; Tim Comerford, r; Daniel C. Itse, r
Dist. No. 10 (1) Don Petterson, d
Dist. No. 11 (2) Mary M. Allen, r; Kimberley S. Casey, d
Dist. No. 12 (3) Dennis F. Abbott, d; Doreen Howard, d; Marcia G. Moody, d
Dist. No. 13 (8) Judy Day, d; John W. Henson, d; Matthew J. Quandt, r; Joe Russell, d; Trinkia Russell, d; Doug Scamman, r; Stella Scamman, r; Donna Schlachman, d
Dist. No. 14 (4) Amy Stasia Perkins, r; Koko Perkins, Jr., r; Mark F. Preston, d; E. Albert Weare, r
Dist. No. 15 (5) Elected, not sworn in; Robert Cushing, d; Susan R. Kepner, d; Chris F. Nevins, r; Nancy F. Stiles, r

- Dist. No. 16 (7)** Jacqueline A. Cali-Pitts, d; Rich DiPentima, d; Paul McEachern, d; Terie T. Norelli, d; Laura C. Pantelakos, d; Robin P. Read, Jr., d; James R. Splaine, d
Dist. No. 17 (1) Pamela Tucker, r
Dist. No. 18 (2) David A. Borden, d; Will Smith, r

STRAFFORD COUNTY (37)

- Dist. No. 1 (9)** William P. Brennan, d; Julie M. Brown, r; Anne C. Grassie, d; Warren Groen, r; Pamela J. Hubbard, d; Sandra B. Keans, d; Elaine M. Lauterborn, d; Rose Marie Rogers, d; Jim Twombly, r
Dist. No. 2 (5) Roger R. Berube, d; Deanna S. Rollo, d; Michael S. Rollo, d; Dale R. Sprague, d; Kenneth Ward, d
Dist. No. 3 (8) David A. Bickford, r; Larry Brown, d; Rachel Burke, d; James E. Cyr, d; Bob Perry, d; Susan Price, d; Dennis P. Vachon, d; Carol M. Vita, r
Dist. No. 4 (3) Brendon S. Browne, d; Peter B. Schmidt, d; David H. Watters, d
Dist. No. 5 (3) Jennifer M. Brown, d; Baldwin M. Domingo, d; Sarah Hutz, d
Dist. No. 6 (3) Roland P. Hofemann, d; Robert D. Lewis, d; Mark Richard Ryder, d
Dist. No. 7 (6) Timothy Horrigan, d; Naida L. Kaen, d; Emma L. Rous, d; Marjorie K. Smith, d; Judith T. Spang, d; Janet G. Wall, d&r

SULLIVAN COUNTY (13)

- Dist. No. 1 (2)** Charlotte Houde Quimby, d; Carla M. Skinder, d
Dist. No. 2 (3) Thomas J. Howard, r; Tony Maiola, r; Beverly T. Rodeschin, r
Dist. No. 3 (1) Suzanne H. Gottling, d
Dist. No. 4 (5) John R. Cloutier, d; Thomas E. Donovan, d; Raymond Gagnon, d; Sandy Harris, d; Joe Osgood, r
Dist. No. 5 (2) Jim McClammer, d; Cynthia P. Sweeney, d

With 391 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:

Representative-elect Ginsburg, the day, illness.

Representatives-elect Bridle, Daniels, Ingbreton, Rosenwald and Tahir, the day, important business.

RESOLUTION

Representatives-elect Foster and Packard 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 Pantelakos, Wallner, Cote, Chandler, George Katsakiores and Messier.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Jon Woodhull, Heidi and John Finnegan, husband, sister and brother-in-law of Rep-elect Skinder. Victor and Jeanne Schulze, Victoria Robinson, Melia Robinson, Suzanne Mazak, Peter Robinson, Julia, Kate, Dylan, Willem and Anders Schulze, husband, daughters, grandchildren and guests of Rep-elect Schulze. Tim Hardy, Zachary Gath and Christian

Roscoe, husband and grandsons of Rep-elect Hardy. Margaret Ladd, Andrew and Katherine Cowan, wife and grandchildren of Rep-elect Ladd. Paulette H. Wilcott, Donna Coffey and Barbara Emerson, guests of Rep-elect Emiro. Michael Jacobsen, spouse of Rep-elect Thompson. Kazen McHiff, Cooper Goyno and Parker Roberts, guests of Rep-elect John Roberts. Audrey Burgess, guest of Rep-elect Tupper. Julia Ferrari, wife of Rep-elect Carr. Brad and Brenda Poznanski and Patricia Reidy, parents and grandmother of Rep-elect Poznanski. Judy Ullman, guest of Rep-elect Read. Jim Umberger, husband of Rep-elect Umberger. Idina Holden, Jessica, Duncan and Ian Holden, wife, daughter and sons of Rep-elect Frank Holden. Phyllis Churchill, Carol Pynn, Richard Forde and Neelima Gogumalla, sister and guests of Rep-elect Carolyn Webber. Justin Lyons, Craig, Becky and Tanya Barlow, husband, parents and sister of Rep-elect Lyons. Mike and Marie Scala and Michael Scala, III, parents and brother of Rep-elect Scala. Christopher, David and Justin Gandia, husband and sons of Rep-elect Gandia. Claire Bolster, Beth Hall, Jody Horn and June Sanborn, wife, daughter and guests of Rep-elect Bolster. Brenda Major, wife of Rep-elect Major. Lisa Bryant, Michael, Rebecca and Elaine Seidel, Lorraine Currier, children and guest of Rep-elect Seidel. Patricia Davis and Anne Maxwell, wife and sister of Rep-elect Davis. Sean and Patricia Comerford, Jack and Donna Comerford, Gloria Roy, Colleen Comerford and Gail Roy, parents, grandparents, grandmother and aunts of Rep-elect Comerford. David Hutchinson, Rita LaClair, Lori Fischer, Lisa Castro, Zachary and Benjamin Fischer and Samuel Castro, husband, mother, daughters and grandsons of Rep-elect Gina Hutchinson. Bobby Nord, husband of Rep-elect Nord. Lindsey Beauchamp and Nancy Brome, daughter and guest of Rep-elect Beauchamp. Gloria Pilotte, wife of Rep-elect Pilotte. Larry Miller, husband of Rep-elect Judy Day. Tom Silvia, Eamon Silvia-Chandley, Elizabeth Silvia-Chandley and Isaiah Silvia-Chandley, husband and children of Rep-elect Chandley. Rose and Gelsa Matarazzo, mother and sister of Rep-elect Matarazzo. Mimi Kolodziej, wife of Rep-elect Kolodziej. Joan Henson, wife of Rep-elect Henson. Rob Becker, husband of Rep-elect Schlachman. Pam Silva, Irene Scott, Aaron Silva, Theresa and James Bazinet, Anthony Schepisi, Mack Pagano, Richard Coker, Ed Stebbins, Dave MacLaughlin, Janice and George Cashman, Amy Manheim, Marie Goggin and Dominic Dinardo, wife, mother, son and guests of Rep-elect Silva. Hon. Carole Estes, former member of the House from Plymouth, guest of Reps-elect Suzanne Smith and Cooney. Ann Moschetto and Tasha Boisvert, guests of Rep-elect Mark Preston. Lois Hofemann and Catherine Sorenson, wife and daughter of Rep-elect Hofemann. B. Scott Foster, husband of Rep-elect Foster. Janice Curtis, guest of Rep-elect Schuett. Debbie, Miranda and Mac Watrous, wife, daughter and son of Rep-elect Watrous. David and Sandra Bettencourt, parents of Rep-elect Bettencourt. Joanne Packard, wife of Rep-elect Packard. Hon. Chris Spirou, former Democratic Leader and member of the House from Manchester, guest of Rep-elect Chininis. Sydni, Katelin and Franklin Garrity, wife and children of Rep-elect James Garrity. Erik Domingo and Andrea Watson, son and friend of Rep-elect Dom Domingo. Jane, James, Zachary and Eric Cyr, wife, son and grandsons of Rep-elect James Cyr. Susan Mead and Richard Quintal, wife and guest of Rep-elect Robert Mead. Elvire Jeudy, spouse of Rep-elect Jean Jeudy. David and Marilyn St. Cyr, parents of Rep-elect Jeffrey St. Cyr.

INTRODUCTION OF A SPECIAL GUEST

Army Specialist Richard W. Dyer, home on leave from Iraq and the grandson of Sgt.-at-Arms-elect, Walter Sword.

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, John D. Shea, Beverly A. Hollingworth, Raymond J. Wiczorek 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.

CLERK'S NOTE ANNOUNCEMENT

The following Representative-elect was sworn in by the Governor and Executive Council this day in the Executive Council Chamber: **Representative Dudley Dumaine, Rock 3.**

ELECTION OF HOUSE SPEAKER

The Chair declared that nominations for Speaker were in order.
Rep. Lucy Weber placed the name of Rep. Terie Norelli in nomination for Speaker. Reps. Leishman and Bouchard seconded the nomination.
Rep. Chandler placed the name of Rep. Sherman Packard in nomination for Speaker. Rep. Hess seconded the nomination.
Rep. Mead placed the name of Rep. Robert Rowe in nomination for Speaker. Rep. Nancy Elliott seconded the nomination.
Rep. Rowe spoke in favor of his nomination.

Rep. Eaton moved that nominations be closed.
Adopted.

The Chair, at the request of the candidates, named Reps. Foose, Abbott and Nordgren as tellers for Rep. Norelli; Reps. Nedean, Welch and Pam Price as tellers for Rep. Packard; Reps. Mead and William O'Brien as tellers for Rep. Rowe; and Reps. Kurk and Bucu as tellers on behalf of the Chair to tally votes.

Of the 391 votes cast, 196 votes were needed for election. Rep. Robert Rowe received 53 votes; Rep. Sherman Packard received 104 votes and Rep. Terie Norelli received 230 votes. There were 3 votes for a withdrawn candidate and one blank ballot. The Chair declared Rep. Terie Norelli the duly-elected Speaker of the House for the 2009-2010 biennium.

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

(Speaker Norelli in the Chair) REMARKS BY SPEAKER

Speaker Norelli: I want to begin by welcoming back those of you who served in the last biennium as well as those of you who have served previously, but I want to save my warmest and most special welcome for those of you who were sworn in for the very first time today. Congratulations.

When I became Speaker two years ago, I pledged to the people and to you that I would uphold the dignity of the House and ensure that we lived up to the highest standards expected of those of us who are privileged to serve in this historic chamber. For those of you in the gallery, this is the oldest in continuous use in the country. In doing so, we remember those who came before us, men and women who sat in this hall in the seats that you're sitting in now and deliberated, often very late. They left for us a legacy that we honor by working together for the benefit of all of the citizens of our state. We are a unique institution, by far the largest and the most representative legislative body anywhere in the country. We truly are the people's House and we bring a wide array of life and professional experiences to this business that we call lawmaking. When we have a chance to see the Blue Book, I'm sure that you'll agree with me. Among us today are recent immigrants, a 19 year-old, a 92 year-old, six husband and wife couples and I think that might be a record for this

legislature. We have parents and their children and other combinations of family members. We also have with us six former members of the State Senate, including one Senate President and also members who used to serve on the legislative staff. Talk about a different perspective. I'd also like to take a moment to congratulate Sylvia Larsen on her reelection as President of the Senate, where she will lead the first legislative body in the history of our country in which a majority of its members are women. We still have them beat though, we can be proud that 145 women serve in this House. Fifteen members of the Senate once served in this House, including four who served with us in this last biennium who have now moved across the wall. As we all gather here today, we face a number of challenges, but none greater than the state of the national economy and its residual effect on our state budget, the blueprint by which we meet all of the needs of our citizens. The economic downturn has certainly placed tremendous pressures on the revenues necessary to fund the operation of our state government, especially revenues generated from business activity, real estate sales, and tourism. I'd like to acknowledge Governor Lynch for his leadership and for fostering a climate of bipartisanship. Through his executive orders and working with the Joint Fiscal Committee, the deficit has been narrowed considerably, but there is more work to do. The General Court has done its part. I have worked with Senate President Larsen to identify reductions in an already frugal legislative budget and the judicial branch is working to reduce their budget as part of this combined effort to balance our books. While we continue these efforts for the 2009 budget, we will also begin putting together the budget for the next biennium, in the midst of a very different economic climate than what we faced two years ago. Our task will be to develop a budget that meets the essential needs of our state but under very trying circumstances. I hope that we will all do our part to support each other as we proceed with our efforts. Working in a bipartisan, cooperative manner, I know we can accomplish that goal. Our ability to address a host of issues facing our state will be influenced by how we respond to this national economic problem. As we work to address the budget, as well as all the other needs of our state, we have the opportunity to send a message to the people of New Hampshire that we can cooperate for the common good. Toward that end, on behalf of the majority, I extend a hand of friendship across the aisle. I trust that members will agree when possible, of course we'll disagree when that's necessary. I only ask that when we cannot agree, we do so respectfully and in a manner that elevates, rather than diminishes, our deliberations. If we remember not to confuse partisanship and politics with persons and personalities, we will find that this session will be more rewarding and I'm sure that we will develop lifelong friendships. I offer my congratulations to Representative Packard and look forward to working cooperatively with him and with all of our Republican colleagues. I am hopeful that in the coming months, we will be patient with and understanding of one another and we will be able to bridge the political divide to enact laws that will benefit the citizens of our state. Thank you for the confidence that you have placed in me as your Speaker. I look forward to working with all of you and with the Senate and with the Governor as we do the work of the people of our state. Thank you very much.

ELECTION OF HOUSE OFFICERS

The Speaker declared nominations were in order for Clerk of the House.

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

Rep. Jasper seconded the nomination.

Rep. Eaton moved that nominations be closed.

Adopted.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker cast one ballot for Karen O. Wadsworth and declared Karen O. Wadsworth the duly-elected Clerk of the House for the 2009-2010 biennium.

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

Rep. Chandler placed in nomination the name of Walter Sword for Sergeant-at-Arms.
Rep. Shurtleff seconded the nomination.

Rep. Eaton moved that nominations be closed.

Adopted.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker cast one ballot for Walter Sword and declared Walter Sword the duly-elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House for the 2009-2010 biennium.

The Speaker administered the oath of office to Karen O. Wadsworth and Walter Sword.

RESOLUTION

Reps. Wallner and Packard 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 organized and elected as its officers: Sen. Sylvia B. Larsen, President of the Senate; Tammy L. Wright, Clerk; Robert M. Buchholz, Assistant Clerk and Carleton K. Marshall, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Senate, having organized, is 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. Barnes placed the name of William M. Gardner in nomination for Secretary of State.

Sen. D'Allesandro seconded the nomination.

Reps. Pantelakos, Phyllis Katsakiores, Cote, Fields and Villeneuve non-spoke and seconded the nomination.

Rep. Eaton moved that nominations be closed.

Adopted.

There being no further nominations, the Chair instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for William M. Gardner and declared William M. Gardner the duly-elected Secretary of State for the 2009-2010 biennium.

The Chair declared nominations were in order for State Treasurer.

Rep. Irwin placed the name of Catherine Provencher in nomination for State Treasurer.

Sen. Janeway seconded the nomination.

Rep. Eaton moved that nominations be closed.

Adopted.

There being no further nominations, the Chair instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Catherine Provencher and declared Catherine Provencher the duly-elected State Treasurer for the 2009-2010 biennium.

The Chair administered the oath of office to William M. Gardner and Catherine Provencher. Catherine Provencher and William M. Gardner addressed the Joint Convention.

Sen. Hassan 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:

Majority Leader, Mary Jane Wallner

Minority Leader, Sherman Packard

Reps. Wallner and Packard offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, that the House adopt the Rules of the 2008 session with the Rule 64 deadlines prospective only, for the 2009-2010 biennium.

Adopted.

Reps. Wallner and Packard offered the following:

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES

Amend House Rule 30 as follows:

Amend the introductory paragraph to House Rule 30 by adding the **Committee on Local and Regulated Revenues**

Amend House Rule 30 (n) by replacing it with the following:

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Local and Regulated Revenues to consider all matters relating to local revenue, including fees, property taxes, including assessments, exemptions, credits and abatements; the State Liquor Commission and the liquor laws of the state; the State Racing and Charitable Gaming Commission; horse and dog racing; regulation of gaming; the State Lottery Commission and the lottery laws of the state, and such other matters as may be referred to it.

Renumber former House Rule 30(n) through 30(u) as 30(o) through 30(v).

Reps. Foster, Clemons and Marjorie Smith spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

Reps. Osborne, Vaillancourt and Patten spoke against.

Rep. Theberge spoke in favor.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Baldasaro moved that the Amendment to House Rules as proposed by Reps. Wallner and Packard be laid on the table.

On a division vote, 157 having voted in the affirmative and 182 in the negative, the motion failed.

The question now being the adoption of the Amendment to House Rules as proposed by Reps. Wallner and Packard.

Adopted.

Rep. Rowe offered the following:

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES

Add a new section to House Rule 63 to read as follows:

Irrespective of other provisions in the rules of the House, it shall be the responsibility of each political caucus to elect its own leader. The elected leader shall name his or her deputy, whips and other members of the leadership team. Caucus leaders shall be elected in a caucus following each House organization day.

Reps. Itse and Rowe spoke in favor.

Reps. Kurk and McEachern spoke against.

Amendment failed.

Rep. Vaillancourt offered the following:

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES

Add a new rule to read as follows:

The Speaker shall accept and appoint the nominations of the minority leader for all committee assignments.

Rep. Vaillancourt spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

Rep. Eaton spoke against.

Amendment failed.

Reps. Eaton and Packard 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. Cote and Packard 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. Davis and Packard 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. Kopka and Packard 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 2009, and that mileage of members of the House of Representatives be paid every two weeks during the session.

Adopted.

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.

RECESS

The House recessed at 3:10 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

(Speaker Norelli in the Chair)

The Speaker appointed Standing Committees of the House as follows:

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DEMOCRATS

Gile, Mary Stuart, **Chairman**
Richardson, Barbara H., **Vice Chairman**
Grassie, Anne C.
Ginsburg, Ruth
Matarazzo, Anthony P., Sr.
Rollo, Deanna S.
Arsenault, Beth R.
Skinder, Carla M.
Ford, Susan M.
Gould, Franklin F.
Hutchinson, Gina A.

REPUBLICANS

Itse, Daniel C.
Gargasz, Carolyn M.
Brown, Julie M.
Moran, Edward P.
Bickford, David A.
Hogan, Edith A.
Johnson, Jane B.
DeSimone, Debra L.

COMMERCE

DEMOCRATS

Reardon, Tara G., **Chairman**
Butler, Edward A., **Vice Chairman**
DeStefano, Stephen T.
Kopka, Angeline K.
McEachern, Paul
Hammond, Jill Shaffer
Nord, Susi
Winters, Joel F.
Meador, David R.
Gidge, Kenneth N.
Schlachman, Donna L.

REPUBLICANS

Hunt, John B.
Quandt, Matt J.
Belanger, Ronald J.
Flanders, Donald H.
Holden, Rip
Dowling, Patricia A.
Headd, James F.
Nevins, Chris F.
Palfrey, David J.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

DEMOCRATS

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Berube, Roger R.
Robertson, Timothy N.

REPUBLICANS

Welch, David A.
Charron, Gene P.
Fesh, Robert M.
Weare, Everett A.

Movsesian, Lori A.
Burridge, Delmar D.
Cushing, Robert R.
Rodd, Beth
Chandley, Shannon E.
McCarthy, Barbara A.
Ryder, Mark R.

Stevens, Stanley E.
Villeneuve, Moe
Gagne, Larry G.
Swinford, Elaine B.
Willette, Robert F.

EDUCATION

DEMOCRATS

Rous, Emma L., **Chairman**
Reever, Judith T., **Vice Chairman**
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Clarke, Claire D.
Shaw, Barbara E.
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Shaw, Kimberly C.
Day, Judith E.
O'Neil, James M.
Burke, Rachel B.
Harvey, Philip R.

REPUBLICANS

Price, Pamela G.
Ingbretson, Paul C.
Stiles, Nancy F.
Hutchinson, Karen K.
Boehm, Ralph G.
Laurent, John J.
Ward, Brien L.
Fleck, Joseph W.
Ladd, Rick M., Jr.

ELECTION LAW

DEMOCRATS

Clemons, Jane A., **Chairman**
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Bartlett, Michael J.
Caron, June M.
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Horrigan, Timothy
Komi, Richard N.

REPUBLICANS

Drisko, Richard B.
Jasper, Shawn N.
Maybeck, Margie L.
Hoelzel, Kathleen M.
Mead, Robert D.
Bates, David
Comerford, Timothy P.
Doherty, Shaun S.
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REPUBLICANS

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Hawkins, Ken
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