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On the first Wednesday in December in the year of our Lord, two thousand ten, it being the day designated by the Constitution for assembling for organizational purposes, the one hundred and sixty-second 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 Rardin, Pastor of the South Congregational Church in Concord.

O God of us all, we find ourselves here on the cusp of a Holy time of year; a time of waiting, a time of anticipation, a time of looking with fresh eyes for manifestations of Your love, Your grace and Your guidance in our midst. Teach us again to look beyond the material aspects of this season toward the deeper implications of this time of year and remind us that in the midst of our stressful lives, there is much we have to offer one another. You have endowed us all with goodwill, with compassion, with hope and with forbearance. I ask, oh God, that You bless the membership of this House, both veterans and newly-elected and bless the work upon which they are about to embark and the decisions which they are about to make. Bless those here, I pray, who feel the pangs of grief most keenly during the winter months and heal those in our circles of family and friends who are sick or in need of physical or emotional healing. Let Your bountiful grace flow over us all, that we might truly be the people You intend us to be. In Your Holy name we pray. Amen.

Representative-elect Steve Vaillancourt of Manchester led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative-elect James Garritty of Atkinson led the singing of the National Anthem.

CALL OF THE ROLL BELKNAP COUNTY

Dist. No. 1	Tyler W. Simpson, r
Dist. No. 2	Dennis H. Fields, r; William B. Tobin, r
Dist. No. 3	Robert H. Greemore, r; Colette Worsman, r

- Dist. No. 4** Harry Accornero, r; Donald H. Flanders, r; Robert Kingsbury, r; Robert A. Luther, r; Franklin T. Tilton, r
- Dist. No. 5** Guy Comtois, r; Robert J. Malone, r; Alida I. Millham, r; Jeffrey L. St. Cyr, r; Elaine B. Swinford, r
- Dist. No. 6** David H. Russell, r

CARROLL COUNTY

- Dist. No. 1** Gene G. Chandler, r; Frank McCarthy, r; Laurie P. Pettengill, r; Karen C. Umberger, r
- Dist. No. 2** Norman A. Tregenza, r
- Dist. No. 3** David L. Babson, Jr., r; Mark E. McConkey, r; Harry C. Merrow, r
- Dist. No. 4** Christopher J. Ahlgren, r; Betsey L. Patten, r; Stephen J. Schmidt, r
- Dist. No. 5** Joseph W. Fleck, r; Dino A. Scala, r

CHESHIRE COUNTY

- Dist. No. 1** Robert W. Moore, Sr., r
- Dist. No. 2** Anne S. Cartwright, r; Tara A. Sad, d; Lucy M. Weber, d
- Dist. No. 3** Cynthia L. Chase, d; Samuel L. Hawkes, d; Gladys Johnsen, d; Steven W. Lindsey, d; David R. Meader, d; Kris E. Roberts, d; Charles F. Weed, d
- Dist. No. 4** William Butynski, d; Daniel P. Carr, d; Henry A. L. Parkhurst, d; Edwin O. Smith, r
- Dist. No. 5** Richard J. Dwinell, r
- Dist. No. 6** John J. Byrnes, r; Jane B. Johnson, r; Alfred C. Lerandean, d; Bruce L. Tatro, d
- Dist. No. 7** Susan Emerson, r; John B. Hunt, r; Charles E. Moore, r; Franklin W. Sterling, Jr., r

COOS COUNTY

- Dist. No. 1** James C. Daugherty, r; Laurence M. Rappaport, r
- Dist. No. 2** Evalyn S. Merrick, d; William J. Remick, r; Herbert D. Richardson, r; John E. Tholl, Jr., r
- Dist. No. 3** William A. Hatch, d
- Dist. No. 4** Gary M. Coulombe, d; Yvonne D. Thomas, d; Marc D. Tremblay, r

GRAFTON COUNTY

- Dist. No. 1** Lyle E. Bulis, r; Stephanie Eaton, r
- Dist. No. 2** Kathleen N. Taylor, d
- Dist. No. 3** Edmond D. Gionet, r; Gregory M. Sorg, r
- Dist. No. 4** Lester W. Bradley, r
- Dist. No. 5** Paul Ingbretson, r; Rick M. Ladd Jr., r
- Dist. No. 6** James D. Aguiar, d; Charles J. Brosseau, r
- Dist. No. 7** Mary R. Cooney, d; Suzanne J. Smith, d
- Dist. No. 8** Harold T. Reilly, Sr., r; Jeffrey S. Shackett, r; Paul H. Simard, r
- Dist. No. 9** Bernard L. Benn, d; Sharon Nordgren, d; Beatriz Pastor, d; David M. Pierce, d
- Dist. No. 10** Paul Mirski, r; Charles E. Sova, r; Charles L. Townsend, d
- Dist. No. 11** Susan W. Almy, d; Franklin F. Gould, d; Laurie Harding, d; Andrew A. White, d

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Dist. No. 1	Robert A. Fredette, r; Holly L. Mecheski, r; Marjorie A. Porter, d
Dist. No. 2	Daniel A. Donovan, r; Harry B. Hardwick, r
Dist. No. 3	James E. Coffey, r; Robert Huxley, r; Bruce Marcus, r; James A. Parison, r
Dist. No. 4	William F. Condra, r; Frank R. Holden, r; Robert D. Mead, r; William L. O'Brien, r
Dist. No. 5	James P. Belanger, r; Richard B. Drisko, r; Jack B. Flanagan, r; Carolyn M. Gargasz, r
Dist. No. 6	William S. Belvin, r; Sean E. Coughlin, r; Gary L. Daniels, r; Peter T. Hansen, r; Stephen J. Palmer, r; Robert H. Rowe, r; Stephen B. Stepanek, r; Robert F. Willette, r
Dist. No. 7	John A. Burt, r; Russell C. Day, r; Larry A. Emerton, r; John A. Hikel, r; Gary S. Hopper, r; Neal M. Kurk, r; Calvin D. Pratt, r; Mark Warden, r
Dist. No. 8	Jeffrey P. Goley, d; Peter E. Ramsey, d
Dist. No. 9	John M. Ball, r; Cam DeJong, r; Winfred O. Hutchinson, r
Dist. No. 10	Michael D. Brunelle, d; Jean L. Jeudy, d; Patrick T. Long, d
Dist. No. 11	Nickolas J. Levasseur, d; Leo P. Pepino, r; Kathleen F. Souza, r
Dist. No. 12	John G. Gimás, d; Theodoros V. Rokas, d
Dist. No. 13	Benjamin C. Baroody, d; Larry G. Gagne, r; William J. Infantine, r
Dist. No. 14	Kathleen Cusson-Cail, r; Patrick F. Garrity, d; Ross W. Terrio, r
Dist. No. 15	Thomas Katsiantonis, d; Mark L. Proulx, r; Steve Vaillancourt, r
Dist. No. 16	J. Gail Barry, r; Maurice L. Pilotte, d; Barbara E. Shaw, d
Dist. No. 17	Thomas L. Beattie, r; Jerry E. Bergevin, r; Carlos E. Gonzalez, r; Phil Greazzo, r; Irene M. Messier, r; Tammy Simmons, r; Connie M. Soucy, r; Matthew J. Swank, r
Dist. No. 18	John W. Cebrowski, r; John A. Graham, r; Ken Hawkins, r; Edward P. Moran, r; Keith Murphy, r; Moe Villeneuve, r
Dist. No. 19	Richard W. Barry, r; Chris Christensen, r; Richard W. Hinch, r; Jeanine M. Notter, r; Tony J. Pellegrino, r; Lenette M. Peterson, r; Kathleen M. Stroud, r; Joseph D. Thomas, r
Dist. No. 20	Kevin A. Avard, r; Sean McGuinness, r; Carl W. Seidel, r
Dist. No. 21	Michael A. Balboni, r; Michael J. McCarthy, r; Donald B. McClarren, r
Dist. No. 22	Brian D. Rhodes, d; Cindy Rosenwald, d; Lisa E. Scontsas, r
Dist. No. 23	David E. Cote, d; Mary J. Gorman, d; Timothy Hogan, r
Dist. No. 24	Michael P. Buxton, r; David B. Campbell, d; Kenneth N. Gidge, d
Dist. No. 25	Duane H. Erickson, r; Edith A. Hogan, r; Timothy L. Twombly, r
Dist. No. 26	Kevin J. Brown, r; Joseph F. Krasucki, r; Donald L. LeBrun, r; Bill Ohm, r; Barry J. Palmer, r; Michael T. Reed, r; David S. Robbins, r; Peter L. Silva, r; James D. Summers, r; Randall A. Whitehead, r
Dist. No. 27	Ralph G. Boehm, r; Randy Brownrigg, r; Lars T. Christiansen, r; Shaun S. Doherty, r; Laura J. Gandia, r; Robert H. Haefner, r; Shawn N. Jasper, r; George Lambert, r; Jonathan Maltz, r; Lynne M. Ober, r; Russell T. Ober III, r; Andrew Renzullo, r; Jordan G. Ulery, r

MERRIMACK COUNTY

Dist. No. 1	Robert A. Foose, d; David H. Kidder, r
Dist. No. 2	Kathleen A. Lauer-Rago, r; David J. Palfrey, r; Dennis Reed, r
Dist. No. 3	Steven J. Winter, r
Dist. No. 4	Derek Owen, d; Gary B. Richardson, d
Dist. No. 5	Mark H. Lindsley, r; Laurie Sanborn, r

Dist. No. 6	Jennifer R. Coffey, r; Seth Cohn, r; Sean C. Cox, r; Gregory Hill, r; Kenneth Kreis, Sr., r; Priscilla P. Lockwood, r
Dist. No. 7	J. Brandon Giuda, r; John J. McDonnell, r; G. Brian Seaworth, r
Dist. No. 8	Jon F. Richardson, r; Tony F. Soltani, r
Dist. No. 9	David W. Hess, r; Frank R. Kotowski, r; Molly J. Smith, r; Todd P. Smith, r
Dist. No. 10	June M. Frazer, d; Mary Stuart Gile, d; Frances D. Potter, d; Stephen J. Shurtleff, d
Dist. No. 11	Candace C. W. Bouchard, d; James R. MacKay, d; Dick W. Patten, d; Robert W. Williams, d
Dist. No. 12	Helen Deloge, d; Chip L. Rice, d; Mary Jane Wallner, d; Rick H. Watrous, d
Dist. No. 13	Stephen T. DeStefano, d; Joseph A. Hoell, Jr., r; Thomas E. Keane, r

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Dist. No. 1	Frank G. Case, r; Joe Duarte, r; John M. Reagan, r; James M. Sullivan, r; Kyle J. Tasker, r
Dist. No. 2	Paul E. Brown, r; Kathleen M. Hoelzel, r; Lawrence M. Kappler, r
Dist. No. 3	Alfred P. Baldasaro, r; James F. Headd, r; Karen K. Hutchinson, r; Robert E. Introne, r; David C. Lundgren, r; Betsy McKinney, r; Sherman A. Packard, r; Daniel J. Tamburello, r; Stella S. Tremblay, r
Dist. No. 4	Gary S. Azarian, r; David Bates, r; Ronald J. Belanger, r; David J. Bettencourt, r; Robert J. Elliott, r; Marilinda J. Garcia, r; Mary E. Griffin, r; Walter Kolodziej, r; Donna Mauro, r; Charles E. McMahon, r; Richard Okerman, r; John J. Sytek, r; Kevin K. Waterhouse, r
Dist. No. 5	Brian K. Chirichiello, r; Patricia A. Dowling, r; Beverly A. Ferrante, r; Robert M. Fesh, r; Kenneth H. Gould, r; Phyllis M. Katsakiores, r; Andrew J. Manuse, r; John T. O'Connor, r; Kevin E. Reichard, r; Frank V. Sapareto, r; James C. Webb, r
Dist. No. 6	Debra L. DeSimone, r; James M. Garrity, r
Dist. No. 7	Gene P. Charron, r; James E. Devine, r; Joseph M. Hagan, r; Elisabeth N. Sanders, r
Dist. No. 8	Regina M. Birdsell, r; Norman L. Major, r; Jeffrey Oigny, r; Marie N. Sapienza, r; John B. Sedensky, r; David A. Welch, r; Kenneth L. Weyler, r
Dist. No. 9	Jason P. Antosz, r; Timothy P. Comerford, r; Daniel C. Itse, r
Dist. No. 10	Bruce A. MacMahon, r
Dist. No. 11	Mary M. Allen, r; Wyman E. Shuler, III, r
Dist. No. 12	Joshua Davenport, r; Marcia G. Moody, d; Adam R. Schroadter, r
Dist. No. 13	Patrick F. Abrami, r; Timothy D. Copeland, r; Patricia Lovejoy, d; Michele S. Peckham, r; Marshall E. Quandt, r; Matt J. Quandt, r; Donna L. Schlachman, d; Joanne A. Ward, r
Dist. No. 14	Amy Stasia Perkins, r; Lawrence B. Perkins, r; Glenn F. Ritter, r; Gary W. Wheaton, r
Dist. No. 15	Chris F. Nevins, r; Frederick C. Rice, r; Kenneth W. Sheffert, r; Kevin P. Sullivan, r
Dist. No. 16	Jacqueline A. Cali-Pitts, d; Rich T. DiPentima, d; Terie Norelli, d; Laura C. Pantelakos, d; James F. Powers, d; Robin P. Read, Jr., d; Christopher W. Serlin, d
Dist. No. 17	Pamela Z. Tucker, r
Dist. No. 18	Brian J. X. Murphy, r; William B. Smith, r

STRAFFORD COUNTY

- Dist. No. 1** Julie M. Brown, r; Susan C. DeLemus, r; Anne C. Grassie, d; Warren J. Groen, r; Kyle D. Jones, r; Laura M. Jones, r; Sandra B. Keans, d; Frederick F. Leonard, Jr., r; Clifford A. Newton, r
- Dist. No. 2** Roger R. Berube, d; Kirsten L. Larsen, r; Philip L. Munck, r; Dale Spainhower, d; Dale R. Sprague, d
- Dist. No. 3** Sam A. Cataldo, r; Martin C. Harty, r; William H. O'Connor, r; William D. Panek, r; Robbie L. Parsons, r; Joseph A. Pitre, r; Carol M. Vita, r; Lucien A. Vita, r
- Dist. No. 4** Brendon S. Browne, d; Peter B. Schmidt, d; David H. Watters, d
- Dist. No. 5** Baldwin M. Domingo, d; Dorothea D. Hooper, d; Marsha L. Pelletier, d
- Dist. No. 6** Donald C. Andolina, r; Roland P. Hofemann, d; Michael W. Weeden, r
- Dist. No. 7** Philip E. Ginsburg, d; Timothy O. Horrigan, d; Naida L. Kaen, d; Jenna J. Roberts, d; Janet G. Wall, d+r

SULLIVAN COUNTY

- Dist. No. 1** Benjamin P. Lefebvre, d; Andrew R. Schmidt, d
- Dist. No. 2** Steven L. Cunningham, r; Thomas J. Howard, r; Beverly T. Rodeschin, r
- Dist. No. 3** Spec Bowers, r
- Dist. No. 4** John R. Cloutier, d; Raymond G. Gagnon, d; Paul D. LaCasse, Sr., r; Charlene M. Lovett, r; Joe Osgood, r
- Dist. No. 5** Thomas W. Laware, r; Steven D. Smith, 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's Office of their absence for the day.
Representative-elect Theberge, the day, illness.

Representatives-elect Blankenbeker, Bolster, Champagne, Carol McGuire, Dan McGuire, Pilliod, Spang, Daniel Sullivan and Waddell, the day, important business.

Representative-elect Hamm, the day, illness in the family.

Representative-elect Knox, the day, death in the family.

RESOLUTION

Representatives-elect Tucker and Norelli 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 Laura C. Pantelakos, Mary Jane Wallner, David E. Cote, Gene G. Chandler and Irene M. Messier.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Susan Moore, mother of Rep-elect Jennifer Coffey, Lori Cox, wife of Rep-elect Cox. Sharon, John and Conor Daugherty, wife, son and grandson of Rep-elect Daugherty. Dolores, Lise, Kathy and Karen Reichard, mother, wife and sisters of Rep-elect Reichard. Dorothy Bittner, guest of Rep-elect Sam Hawkes. Carolyn Anderson, wife of Rep-elect Ginsburg. Jessica Okerman, wife of Rep-elect Okerman. Linda Twombly, Heather Pendry and Kevin Twombly, wife, daughter and son of Rep-elect Twombly. Maria LeBel, wife of Rep-elect Webb. Cpt. Elaine C. Holmes, US Navy, retired, wife of Rep-elect Shuler. Katrina Giuda and Kellen

Giuda, wife and guest of Rep-elect Giuda. Sharon Condra, wife of Rep-elect Condra. Thomas Stroud, husband of Rep-elect Stroud. Edith Sova, Margaret and Tom McCabe, Tommy and Hank McCabe, wife, daughter, son-in-law and grandsons of Rep-elect Sova. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Desmarais, parents of Rep-elect Sanborn. Gary Sparks, Karen Primiano and James and Polly Curran, guests of Rep-elect Porter. Hon. Liz Merry, former member from Sanbornton, guest of Rep-elect Pastor. Hon. Robert Perry, former member from Strafford, guest of Rep-elect Moody. Virginia Foose, Patricia Bechok and Henry and Grey Bechok, wife, daughter and grandsons of Rep-elect Foose. Mark Skelly, husband of Rep-elect Birdsell. Eva Powers and Jim and Lynda Dunwell, wife and guests of Rep-elect Powers. Gale Schmidt and Bruce Sooy, wife and guest of Rep-elect Andy Schmidt. Eileen Murphy-Bartlett and Lindsay Murphy, mother and wife of Rep-elect Brian Murphy. Mary Simard, wife of Rep-elect Simard. Huguette Reilly, wife of Rep-elect Reilly. Gloria Pilotte, wife of Rep-elect Pilotte. Hon. Deanna Rollo, former member from Rollinsford, guest of Rep-elect Baroody. Glenn Worsman, husband of Rep-elect Worsman. Phyllis Richard, Gerald DeLemus, Joshua DeLemus, Lisa Haskell, Joseph DeLuca, Jeffrey and Cheryl Weber, Thomas Lamy, and Randall and Shona Bowen, mother, husband, step-son and guests of Rep-elect DeLemus. Rhonda Lambert, Stephanie, Rebecca and Emily Lambert, Peter Marquez, Leslie Racowski, Linda Reidy and Ellie Risley, wife, daughters and guests of Rep-elect Lambert. Marcia Kostoulakos, wife of Rep-elect LeBrun. Hon. Scott Merrick, former member from Lancaster, Rachel Merrick Maggs, and Carol Spinrad, son, daughter and mother of Rep-elect Merrick. Sydni Garrity, wife of Rep-elect James Garrity. Gary Ohm and Vincent Gillis, brother and brother-in-law of Rep-elect Ohm. Irene Scott, Pam Silva, Aaron Silva, Dave MacLaughlin, Anthony Schepisi, Rick Lauria, Karen Thoman and Paul Thoman, guests of Rep-elect Silva. Kelleigh Murphy and Alexandra Murphy, wife and daughter of Rep-elect Keith Murphy. Carol Croteau, guest of Rep-elect Schlachman. Roxanne O'Brien, Ruth O'Brien, Brendan O'Brien, Leonard O'Brien, Charles O'Brien, Helen Rowe, Susan Meade, Zoe Fimble, Roger Langevin, Robert Sullivan, Kevin Stewart, Mark Shearholdt, Dawn Shearholdt and Jack Kimball, wife, mother, son, brothers and guests of Rep-elect O'Brien. Alan Cail, husband of Rep-elect Cusson-Cail. Dewey Oigny and Jordan Oigny, father and son of Rep-elect Oigny. Terri Kappler, wife of Rep-elect Kappler. Antoinette Palmer, wife of Rep-elect Stephen Palmer. John Weeden, father of Rep-elect Weeden. Patricia Fleck, wife of Rep-elect Fleck. Cheryl Cataldo and Joshua Whitehouse, wife and guest of Rep-elect Cataldo. Lois Hofemann and Catherine Sorenson, wife and daughter of Rep-elect Hofemann. Lorna Willette, wife of Rep-elect Willette. Sharron Smith and Rosemary Holmes, wife and sister-in-law of Rep-elect Edwin Smith. Jasmyn Richardson, wife of Rep-elect Jon Richardson. Aaron and Lindsey Rago, children of Rep-elect Lauer-Rago. Sheila Peterson, Karen Simpson, Mike and Zoe Fimbel and Hon. Nancy Elliott, former member from Merrimack, daughter and guests of Rep-elect Peterson. Peggy McCarthy, wife of Rep-elect Michael McCarthy. David and Marilyn St. Cyr, parents of Rep-elect St. Cyr. Diann Pitre and Kimberley Brackett, wife and daughter of Rep-elect Pitre.

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.

ELECTION OF HOUSE SPEAKER

The Chair declared that nominations for Speaker were in order.

Rep. Chandler placed the name of Rep. William L. O'Brien in nomination for Speaker.
Rep. Reagan seconded the nomination.
Rep. Shurtleff placed the name of Rep. Terie Norelli in nomination for Speaker.
Rep. Baroody seconded the nomination.

Rep. Norelli addressed the House, withdrew as a candidate for Speaker and moved that nominations be closed.

Without objection, the Chair closed nominations. Rep. William L. O'Brien was declared the duly-elected Speaker of the House for the 2011-2012 biennium.

The Sergeant-at-Arms-elect escorted Speaker O'Brien to the rostrum. The Speaker addressed the House.

(Speaker O'Brien in the Chair)
MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

Rep. Reagan moved that the remarks made by Speaker O'Brien and Rep. Norelli be placed in the Permanent Journal.

Adopted.

REMARKS BY REPRESENTATIVE NORELLI

Representative Norelli: Good Morning everyone. Thank you and congratulations to all of you that have been elected to the General Court. I remember fondly being in the position of many of you back in 1996 when I was first elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Since that time I have truly been awed by those that have preceded us and those that have served with us and their continuing commitment to maintaining the decorum and the reverence of this legislature. Over the past four years it has been my honor and my distinct pleasure to serve as the Speaker of this body. During that time it was my goal to uphold the respect, dignity and civility that has been a staple of this institution and I stand here proudly in the belief that this aspiration was fulfilled. Although there has been a change in the make up of the House, I still believe that we share a common goal to preserve what is so special about this state and also a desire to make it a better place to live for all of the constituents that we represent. After all, that is why we were sent here, to do what is best for all Granite Staters, regardless of their socioeconomic status or for that matter their political affiliation, by working together to promote policies that better our communities. Since taking the gavel in 2006, I strived to be fair while simultaneously working to advance the ideals that New Hampshire holds so dear. Be it protecting individual liberties and rights, assisting those that count on us most, acting in a responsible and a transparent fashion or enshrining in law our long-standing tradition of giving equal opportunity to all New Hampshire citizens, I believe that this balance was met with great success. Today, New Hampshire is on solid footing and continues to survive the greatest recession since the Great Depression better than most states. In fact, we are leading the economic recovery, not just regionally, but across the nation. We now have laws in place that fully embrace the "Live Free or Die" motto that has made our state so famous. In the coming weeks and months it is my belief that we can build on this progress by continuing to preserve what makes New Hampshire the envy of so many other states all across our country. By working together this can be accomplished and we can and will continue to move New Hampshire forward. As the Representative from Bartlett said, "There is a time and a place for partisanship," but with serious issues to address, it is my hope that each and every one of us will roll up our sleeves in a productive manner to work together for the people of New Hampshire. I want to thank you again, both for the opportunity of having served as the Speaker of the House for these past four years and also for being placed in nomination. I do, however, respectfully decline the nomination and Madam Chair, I would ask to be recognized for a motion.

Chair: Rep. Norelli is recognized for a motion.

Representative Norelli: I move that nominations for Speaker be closed.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER O'BRIEN

Speaker O'Brien: Thank you and please be seated. Speaker Chandler, Speaker Norelli, Republican Leader Packard, my fellow House Members and guests, I apologize for taking so long to reach the podium. The Sergeant-at-Arms had to travel very deep into the darkest backbenches to find me. I do hope, however, that my predecessors noted with satisfaction that I didn't jump over the seat in Division 3. I will try as hard as they did to discourage such truly egregious behavior. I will miss sitting in those far-off seats surrounded by friends from both parties. I do hope, however, that those of us in the back of Division 3 this last session exhausted all possible humor about leadership. If not, I suspect that I will be providing some fodder of my own. I want to state my appreciation to my colleagues from across the aisle for the speakership vote. Let me again, perhaps for the last time, but certainly with heartfelt thanks, thank you, Madam Speaker. My congratulations to all of you for having received the confidence of your constituents. With their votes, however, has come a clear and unmistakable message. It was not a message of partisan victory and loss; it was a message for an effective, limited, respectful and responsive state government. Our constituents want a government that works for them and not against them. They want a government of public servants and not elite rulers. They want a government that stands with citizens and not over them. They want a government that has not abandoned the common fiscal sense that we bring to our own lives and that we see when we attend our town meetings and our city hall sessions. They want their government back. Any political party delivering on these needs will do. We ignore their message at our political peril, but if we ignore this message, our state will continue to slip towards mediocrity. We have been honored by our constituents to be their public servants. They are relying on us to fix the substantial fiscal challenges facing our state, both long-term and short-term. Each of us can choose to contribute solutions or stand as an obstacle. It seems so easy these days to mischaracterize and then demonize political opponents. Voters, however, have shown they have the means and the intelligence to detect and reject such behavior. They have always deserved more. They now demand more. They want the naysayers to become problem solvers. Contributing to solutions doesn't mean abandoning principles. It does require listening, respecting the fact that each one of us cares deeply about our state, and knowing that we are all seeking what is right, as we see it, for our neighbors and fellow citizens. So I ask you to bring your political principles to your committee hearings and to House debates, but please also bring respect for your colleagues and most certainly bring solutions and not condemnations. The people have a right to have their agenda and not personal agendas drive our debates. Leave the rhetoric of disparagement, mistrust and indignation to the editorial pages and to the blogs. If we do this, we will do what is right for New Hampshire. If we do this, we will give our state a legislature that is as great and wonderful as our people and if we do this, we will recapture the New Hampshire Advantage. Thank You.

ELECTION OF HOUSE OFFICERS

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

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

Reps. Long and Ingbreton seconded the nomination.

Without objection, the Speaker closed nominations and cast one ballot for Karen Wadsworth and declared her the duly-elected Clerk of the House for the 2011-2012 biennium.

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

Rep. Packard placed in nomination the name of Walter Sword for Sergeant-at-Arms.

Rep. Gary Richardson seconded the nomination.

Without objection, the Speaker closed nominations and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Walter Sword and declared him the duly-elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House for the 2011-2012 biennium.

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

RESOLUTION

Reps. Tucker and Norelli 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. Peter Bragdon, President of the Senate; Tammy Wright, Clerk.

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 O'Brien presiding)

The Speaker called the Joint Convention to order.

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

Sen. D'Allesandro placed the name of William M. Gardner in nomination for Secretary of State.

Sen. Barnes 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 2011-2012 biennium.

The Chair declared nominations were in order for State Treasurer.

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

Rep. Bouchard seconded the nomination.

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

The Chair declared Catherine Provencher the duly-elected State Treasurer for the 2011-2012 biennium.

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

Sen. Bradley and Rep. Tucker moved that the Joint Convention arise.

Adopted.

The Joint Convention adjourned.

HOUSE SESSION

The Speaker reconvened the House session.

Reps. Tucker and Norelli offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, that the House adopt the Rules of the 2010 session with Rule 64 deadlines prospective only, for the 2011-2012 biennium.

Adopted.

Reps. Tucker and Norelli 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. Tucker and Norelli 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. Tucker and Norelli offered the following:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

RESOLVED, that the Speaker may employ such personnel as he 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. Tucker and Norelli 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 2011, and that mileage of members of the House of

Representatives be paid every two weeks during the session.
Adopted.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Chandler offered the following: **RESOLVED**, that the House now adjourn from the early session, that the business of the late session be in order at the present time, that the reading of resolutions be by caption only and that all resolutions be read a third time and passed and when the House adjourns today it be to convene on Wednesday, January 5, 2011.
Adopted.

The Organizational session of the 2011-2012 House of Representatives adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

RECESS

The Speaker appointed Standing Committees of the House as follows:

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

REPUBLICANS

Moran, Edward P., **Chairman**
Hogan, Edith A., **Vice Chairman**
Brown, Julie M.
Gargas, Carolyn M.
Dowling, Patricia A.
Johnson, Jane B.
DeSimone, Debra L.
Katsakiores, Phyllis M.
Sapienza, Marie N.
Soucy, Connie M.
Perkins, Amy S.
Oligny, Jeffrey D.
Robbins, David S.

DEMOCRATS

Grassie, Anne C.
Gould, Franklin F.
Lovejoy, Patricia T.
Porter, Marjorie A.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

REPUBLICANS

Hunt, John B., **Chairman**
Coffey, Jennifer R., **Vice Chairman**
Belanger, Ronald J.
Flanders, Donald H.
Quandt, Matt J.
Headd, James F.
Nevins, Chris F.
Palfrey, David J.
Sullivan, James M.
Bergevin, Jerry E.
Manuse, Andrew J.
Mauro, Donna C.
McGuinness, Sean M.
Rice, Frederick C.

DEMOCRATS

Taylor, Kathleen N.
Meador, David R.
Gidge, Kenneth N.
Schlachman, Donna L.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW AND STATUTORY RECODIFICATION

REPUBLICANS

DEMOCRATS

Itse, Daniel C., **Chairman**
Cebrowski, John W., **Vice Chairman**
Cartwright, Anne S.
Cohn, Seth
Davenport, Joshua
Huxley, Robert
Krasucki, Joseph F.
Luther, Robert A.
Peckham, Michele S.
Reichard, Kevin E.
Weeden, Michael W.
Whitehead, Randall A.

Serlin, Christopher W.
Katsiantonis, Thomas
Richardson, Gary B.
Coulombe, Gary M.
Schmidt, Andrew R.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

REPUBLICANS

Swinford, Elaine B., **Chairman**
Gagne, Larry G., **Vice Chairman**
Welch, David A.
Fields, Dennis H.
Fesh, Robert M.
Charron, Gene P.
Villeneuve, Moe
Antosz, Jason P.
Greazzo, Phil
Kreis, Kenneth
Parsons, Robbie L.
Tasker, Kyle J.
Warden, Mark

DEMOCRATS

Pantelakos, Laura C.
Berube, Roger R.
Shurtleff, Stephen J.
Ginsburg, Philip E.

EDUCATION

REPUBLICANS

Balboni, Michael A., **Chairman**
Boehm, Ralph G., **Vice Chairman**
Hutchinson, Karen K.
Ladd, Rick M., Jr.
Fleck, Joseph W.
St. Cyr, Jeffrey L.
Brosseau, Charles J.
Greemore, Robert H.
Hill, Gregory
Hoell, Joseph W.
Jones, Laura M.
Lauer-Rago, Kathleen A.
Pitre, Joseph A.

DEMOCRATS

Gile, Mary Stuart
Shaw, Barbara E.
Gorman, Mary J.
Frazer, June M.

ELECTION LAW

REPUBLICANS

Bates, David, **Chairman**
Scala, Dino A., **Vice Chairman**
Drisko, Richard B.
Jasper, Shawn N.
Hoelzel, Kathleen M.

DEMOCRATS

Cote, David E.
Pierce, David M.
Brunelle, Michael D.
Gimas, John G.

Doherty, Shaun S.
Eaton, Stephanie
Birdsell, Regina M.
Byrnes, John J.
DeJong, Cameron W.
DeLemus, Susan C.
Erickson, Duane, H.
Reilly, Harold T.
Thomas, Joseph D.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

REPUBLICANS

Haefner, Robert H., **Chairman**
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Comtois, Guy
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Swank, Matthew, J.

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REPUBLICANS

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Pratt, Calvin D.
Vita, Carol M.
Perkins, Lawrence B.
Winter, Steven J.
Bowers, Spec
Brown, Paul E.
Hansen, Peter T.
Proulx, Mark L.

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Schmidt, Peter B.
Pilotte, Maurice L.
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Cooney, Mary R.

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