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On the first Wednesday in December in the year of our Lord, two thousand sixteen, it being the day designated by the Constitution for assembling for organizational purposes, the one hundred and sixty-fifth 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 Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House for the preceding session.

Representative-elect Ryan Smith, member from Northfield, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was sung by Emma Joanis, a student at Windham High School.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Representatives-elect Doucette, Martel and Franklin Tilton, the day, illness.

Representatives-elect Fraser, Hansen, Higgins, Hoell, Shackett and Somero, the day, important business.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Hon. William MaGill, Clerk of the Vermont House of Representatives, guest of the House. Howard, Marina, and Brady Altschiller, and Nancy and Frank O'Connell, husband, daughter, son and parents of Rep-elect Altschiller. Joseph, Pearl, Katie and Aiden Pantelakos, Pitre, Christy and Charlene Barstow, and Pearl and Jeremy Lyman, son, daughters, grandchildren and great grandson of Rep-elect Laura Pantelakos. Senior Master Sgt. Michael B. MacKay, Alexandria and Vernon Mackay, Brittney Dustin, Paul Boynton, Sandra Pelletier, and Lisa Hinson-Hatz, son, daughter, husband and guests of Rep-elect Mariellen Mackay. Eleanor and Bill Pearl, Sandra Currier, Ginny Rowe, Betty Page, and Cheyenne Kearns, mother, brother, sisters and guest of Rep-elect Pearl. Anne Dontonville, Jim and Ellen Hyde, Anne Woodcome and Dan Noseworthy, wife, brother, sister-in-law and guests of Rep-elect Dontonville. Tedd Landon, Jennifer Logan, and the Hon. James Lawrence, former member from Hudson, guests of Rep-elect Kimberly Rice. Nancy, Bill, Peg and Patti Panasiti, and Brian Feeney, wife, brother, sister-in-law, sister and guest of Rep-elect Panasiti. Sarah, Christina, Finn, and Major Ronald Dickey, April and Grace Mika, parents, wife, son, sister and niece of Rep-elect Dickey. John Lisle, and the Hon. Carolyn Lisle, former member from Nashua, father, and mother of Rep-elect David Lisle. Dawn, McKenna and Kirstyn Binford, wife and daughters of Rep-elect Binford. Mary Beth and Bernice Torosian, wife and mother of Rep-elect Torosian. David Murray and Jane Page, husband and sister of Rep-elect Murray. Rhonda, Courtney and Emma Vincent, wife, daughter and granddaughter of Rep-elect Vincent. Deborah Maes, wife of Rep-elect Maes. Kelley Donofrio, mother of Rep-elect Boutin. Corinne Doherty, wife of Rep-elect Doherty. Kathleen Pohlman-Somssich, wife of Rep-elect Somssich. Ben and Pauline Martineau, parents of Rep-elect Martineau. Elizabeth Thomas, wife of Rep-elect Thomas. Gregory Gilman, husband of Rep-elect Gilman. Matty Bealieu, guest of Rep-elect Leavitt. Andrew and Paul Schwaegler, husband and son of Rep-elect Schwaegler. Don and Adi Brezinski, husband and daughter of Rep-elect Martin. Ron and Charlene Moore, parents of Rep-elect Josh Moore. Nicholas and William Richards, sons of Rep-elect Richards. Rosanna Long, and Kai, Molly and Tuck Dude, wife and step-children of Rep-elect Douglas Long. Terry, Chad, Sara, and Caleen McCarthy, and Stanley Shafer, wife, son, daughter, granddaughter, and son-in-law of Rep-elect Frank McCarthy. Tom Silvia, and Patrick O'Mara, husband and guest of Rep-elect Chandley. Nina Opderbecke, wife of Rep-elect Opderbeck. Quang, Chelon, and Colette Le, husband, and daughters of Rep-elect Tamara Le. Michael and Diane Costable, father and mother of Rep-elect Costable. Susan Denopaulos, guest of Rep-elect Abrami. Brenda Major, wife of Rep-elect Major. Lynda Hunt, wife of Rep-elect Hunt. Helina Josephson, wife of Rep-elect Josephson. Beverly Wolf, wife of Rep-elect Daniel Wolf. Mary Gaiser, guest of Rep-elect Stone. Linda Hirsch Silber, wife of Rep-elect Silber. Richard DaSilva, husband of Rep-elect Patricia Klee. Tanya Prather, guest of Rep-elect King. Donna Green and Nancy Kindler, wife

and guest of Rep-elect Green. Robert DeSimone, husband of Rep-elect DeSimone. Martha Horgan, wife of Rep-elect Jim Horgan. Alan Gordon, guest of Rep-elect Pamela Gordon. Maureen Lascelles, wife of Rep-elect Lascelles. The Hon. Eric Eastman, former member from Nashua, guest of Reps. Ferreira and Seidel. Diann Pitre, wife of Rep-elect Pitre. Michael and Madelyn Joanis, father and sister of the singer, guests of the House. Jennifer, Henry, and Melodye Smith, wife, son and mother of the Clerk.

CALL OF THE ROLL

BELKNAP COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1)	
Dist. No. 2 (4)	Marc Abear, r; Glen C. Aldrich, r; Norman Silber, r; Herbert R. Vadney, r
Dist. No. 3 (4)	Donald H. Flanders, r; David O. Huot, d; Peter J. Spanos, r
Dist. No. 4 (2)	Dennis H. Fields, r; Timothy P. Lang, r
Dist. No. 5 (2)	Michael F. Maloney, r; Peter R. Varney, r
Dist. No. 6 (2)	John R. Plumer, r; Michael J. Sylvia, r
Dist. No. 7 (1)	Barbara Comtois, r
Dist. No. 8 (1)	Raymond Howard, r
Dist. No. 9 (1)	Robert Z. Fisher, r

CARROLL COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1)	Gene G. Chandler, r
Dist. No. 2 (3)	Thomas L. Bucu, d; Frank H. McCarthy, r; Karen C. Umberger, r
Dist. No. 3 (2)	Jerry Knirk, d; Mark E. McConkey, r
Dist. No. 4 (2)	Glenn Cordelli, r; Karel A. Crawford, r
Dist. No. 5 (3)	Lino M. Avellani, r; Ed Comeau, r; Bill G. Nelson, r
Dist. No. 6 (2)	Harold B. Parker, r; Stephen J. Schmidt, r
Dist. No. 7 (1)	Edward A. Butler, d
Dist. No. 8 (1)	William M. Marsh, r

CHESHIRE COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (4)	Michael D. Abbott, d; Paul S. Berch, d; Cathryn A. Harvey, d; Lucy M. Weber, d
Dist. No. 2 (1)	John E. Mann, d
Dist. No. 3 (1)	Daniel A. Eaton, d
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Joseph Stallcop, d
Dist. No. 5 (1)	John Bordenet, d
Dist. No. 6 (1)	David R. Meader, d
Dist. No. 7 (1)	Gladys Johnsen, d
Dist. No. 8 (1)	Donovan Fenton, d
Dist. No. 9 (2)	Richard Ames, d; Douglas A. Ley, d
Dist. No. 10 (1)	Marjorie J. Shepardson, d
Dist. No. 11 (2)	John B. Hunt, r; John E. O'Day, r
Dist. No. 12 (2)	Barry Faulkner, d; James W. McConnell, r
Dist. No. 13 (1)	Henry A. L. Parkhurst, d
Dist. No. 14 (1)	Franklin W. Sterling, r
Dist. No. 15 (1)	Bruce L. Tatro, d
Dist. No. 16 (2)	Delmar D. Burrridge, d; William A. Pearson, d

COOS COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (2)	John Fothergill, r; Bing Judd, r
Dist. No. 2 (1)	Wayne T. Moynihan, d
Dist. No. 3 (3)	Larry L. Laflamme, d; ; Robert L. Theberge, d; Yvonne D. Thomas, d
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Herbert D. Richardson, r
Dist. No. 5 (1)	Edith Tucker, d
Dist. No. 6 (1)	William A. Hatch, d
Dist. No. 7 (1)	Troy Merner, r

GRAFTON COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (2)	Erin T. Hennessey, r; Linda A. Massimilla, d
Dist. No. 2 (1)	Skylar Boutin, r
Dist. No. 3 (1)	Vicki Schwaegler, r
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Rick M. Ladd, r
Dist. No. 5 (1)	Bonnie D. Ham, r
Dist. No. 6 (1)	Kevin G. Maes, d

Dist. No. 7 (1)	Tiffany Johnson, r
Dist. No. 8 (3)	Travis Bennett, d; Steven Rand, d; Suzanne J. Smith, d
Dist. No. 9 (2)	Robert Hull, r
Dist. No. 10 (1)	Roger W. Dontonville, d
Dist. No. 11 (1)	Timothy Josephson, d
Dist. No. 12 (4)	Polly K. Champion, d; Mary Jane Mulligan, d; Sharon Nordgren, d
Dist. No. 13 (4)	Richard M. Abel, d; Susan W. Almy, d; George E. Sykes, d; Andrew A. White, d
Dist. No. 14 (1)	Brad Bailey, r;
Dist. No. 15 (1)	David W. Binford, r
Dist. No. 16 (1)	Duane R. Brown, r
Dist. No. 17 (1)	Stephen Darrow, r

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (2)	Jim Fedolfi, r; Marjorie A. Porter, d
Dist. No. 2 (3)	Daniel A. Donovan, r; Gary S. Hopper, r; Neal M. Kurk, r
Dist. No. 3 (1)	Jonathan F. Manley, d
Dist. No. 4 (2)	Carol R. Roberts, d; Kermit R. Williams, d
Dist. No. 5 (2)	Glen Dickey, r; Gerald Griffin, r
Dist. No. 6 (5)	Rick G. Christie, r; Barbara J. Griffin, r; David W. Pierce, r; Claire A. Rouillard, r; Nick Zaricki, r
Dist. No. 7 (6)	David J. Danielson, r; Bart Fromuth, r; Linda Gould, r; John A. Graham, r; Terry M. Wolf, r
Dist. No. 8 (2)	Jeffrey P. Goley, d
Dist. No. 9 (2)	Linda A. DiSilvestro, d; William J. O'Neil, d
Dist. No. 10 (2)	Jean L. Jeudy, d; Patrick T. Long, d
Dist. No. 11 (2)	Elizabeth Edwards, d; Robert M. Walsh, d
Dist. No. 12 (2)	Amanda Bouldin, d; Lisa M. Freeman, r
Dist. No. 13 (2)	Larry G. Gagne, r; Richard O'Leary, d
Dist. No. 14 (2)	Mary C. Freitas, d; Mary Heath, d
Dist. No. 15 (2)	Thomas Katsiantonis, d; Steve Vaillancourt, r
Dist. No. 16 (2)	Barbara E. Shaw, d; Victoria L. Sullivan, r
Dist. No. 17 (2)	Mark MacKenzie, d; Timothy J. Smith, d
Dist. No. 18 (2)	Patricia Cornell, d; Armand D. Forest, d
Dist. No. 19 (2)	Robert A. Backus, d; Joel Elber, d
Dist. No. 20 (2)	Frank A. Byron, r; Richard W. Lascelles, r
Dist. No. 21 (8)	Richard W. Barry, r; Chris Christensen, r; Richard W. Hinch, r; Dan Hynes, r; Robert J. L'Heureux, r; Josh Moore, r; Jeanine M. Notter, r; Anthony J. Pellegrino, r
Dist. No. 22 (3)	Shannon E. Chandley, d; Reed A. Panasiti, r
Dist. No. 23 (4)	Barbara Biggie, r; Charlie Burns, r; Carolyn Halstead, r; Joelle Martin, d
Dist. No. 24 (2)	Peter R. Leishman, d; Ivy C. Vann, d
Dist. No. 25 (2)	Craig C. Moore, r
Dist. No. 26 (2)	John J. Carr, r; John Lewicke, r
Dist. No. 27 (2)	James P. Belanger, r; Carolyn M. Gargas, r
Dist. No. 28 (3)	Elizabeth Ferreira, r; Janice E. Schmidt, d; Carl Seidel, r
Dist. No. 29 (3)	Suzanne Harvey, d; Michael J. McCarthy, r; Sue Newman, d
Dist. No. 30 (3)	Patricia S. Klee, d; Mariellen J. MacKay, d; Cindy Rosenwald, d
Dist. No. 31 (3)	Jessica Ayala, d; David E. Cote, d; Amelia Keane, d
Dist. No. 32 (3)	Donald L. LeBrun, r; David K. Murotake, r; Steve Negron, r
Dist. No. 33 (3)	Mark King, d; Kevin Scully, r
Dist. No. 34 (3)	Allison Nutting, d; Catherine Sofikitis, d; Timothy L. Twombly, r;
Dist. No. 35 (3)	Skip Cleaver, d; David Lisle, d; Latha Mangipudi, d
Dist. No. 36 (3)	Martin L. Jack, d; Michael B. O'Brien, d; Bill H. Ohm, r
Dist. No. 37 (11)	Caleb Q. Dyer, r; Steve D. Hellwig, r; Shawn N. Jasper, r; Lynne M. Ober, r; Russell T. Ober, r; Andrew Prout, r; Andrew Renzullo, r; Kimberly A. Rice, r; Jordan G. Ulery, r
Dist. No. 38 (2)	Richard D. McNamara, d; John J. Valera, r
Dist. No. 39 (1)	John A. Burt, r
Dist. No. 40 (1)	Keith Ammon, r
Dist. No. 41 (1)	Laurie J. Sanborn, r
Dist. No. 42 (2)	Jesse J. Martineau, d; Kendall Snow, d
Dist. No. 43 (3)	Benjamin C. Baroody, d; Christopher J. Herbert, d; Kathleen F. Souza, r
Dist. No. 44 (2)	Mark L. Proulx, r
Dist. No. 45 (2)	Jane E. Beaulieu, d; Connie Van Houten, d

MERRIMACK COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1)	Anne Copp, r
Dist. No. 2 (2)	Werner D. Horn, r; Dave Testerman, r
Dist. No. 3 (2)	Gregory Hill, r; Ryan D. Smith, r
Dist. No. 4 (1)	Douglas B. Long, r
Dist. No. 5 (2)	Karen E. Ebel, d; Dan Wolf, r
Dist. No. 6 (2)	Beth Rodd, d; David Woolpert, d
Dist. No. 7 (1)	Clyde J. Carson, d
Dist. No. 8 (1)	Caroletta C. Alicea, d
Dist. No. 9 (2)	Howard M. Moffett, d; Michael Moffett, r
Dist. No. 10 (3)	David Luneau, d; Mel Myler, d; Mary Jane Wallner, d
Dist. No. 11 (1)	Stephen J. Shurtleff, d
Dist. No. 12 (1)	Paul J. Henle, d
Dist. No. 13 (1)	Beth Richards, d
Dist. No. 14 (1)	James R. MacKay, d
Dist. No. 15 (1)	Linda B. Kenison, d
Dist. No. 16 (1)	Timothy A. Soucy, d
Dist. No. 17 (1)	Dick W. Patten, d
Dist. No. 18 (1)	Andrew N. deTreville, d
Dist. No. 19 (1)	Christy D. Bartlett, d
Dist. No. 20 (3)	David Doherty, d; Dianne E. Schuett, d; Brian Seaworth, r
Dist. No. 21 (2)	Michael Brewster, r; John F. Klose, r
Dist. No. 22 (1)	Alan J. Turcotte, d
Dist. No. 23 (3)	Bill Kuch, r; Mary Beth Walz, d
Dist. No. 24 (4)	Frank R. Kotowski, r; John A. Leavitt, r; Richard Marple, r; Thomas C. Walsh, r
Dist. No. 25 (1)	Natalie J. Wells, r
Dist. No. 26 (1)	Howard Pearl, r
Dist. No. 27 (2)	Mary Stuart Gile, d; Chip L. Rice, d
Dist. No. 28 (1)	Katherine D. Rogers, d
Dist. No. 29 (1)	Carol M. McGuire, r

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (1)	Brian J. Stone, r
Dist. No. 2 (3)	Jim Nasser, r; James A. Spillane, r; Kevin Verville, r
Dist. No. 3 (3)	Michael Costable, r; Kathleen M. Hoelzel, r; Carolyn L. Matthews, r
Dist. No. 4 (5)	Jess Edwards, r; Joseph M. Hagan, r; Jason M. Osborne, r; William Polewarczyk, r; Chris True, r
Dist. No. 5 (7)	Alfred P. Baldasaro, r; Martin N. Bove, r; David C. Lundgren, r; Betsy McKinney, r; Sherman A. Packard, r; Bob Rimol, r; Douglas W. Thomas, r
Dist. No. 6 (10)	Brian K. Chirichiello, r; Patricia A. Dowling, r; Robert M. Fesh, r; Phyllis M. Katsakiores, r; David E. Milz, r; John T. O'Connor, r; Frank V. Sapareto, r; Richard P. Tripp, r; James C. Webb, r; Brenda Willis, r
Dist. No. 7 (4)	David M. Bates, r; Mary E. Griffin, r; Walter Kolodziej, r; Charles E. McMahon, r
Dist. No. 8 (9)	Gary S. Azarian, r; Arthur E. Barnes, r; Ronald J. Belanger, r; Robert J. Elliott, r; Betty I. Gay, r; John Janigian, r; John J. Manning, r; John Sytek, r
Dist. No. 9 (2)	Sean D. Morrison, r; Michael Vose, r
Dist. No. 10 (1)	Daniel C. Itse, r
Dist. No. 11 (1)	Allen W. Cook, r
Dist. No. 12 (1)	Steven Woitkun, r
Dist. No. 13 (4)	Dennis Green, r; Joseph A. Guthrie, r+d; David A. Welch, r; Kenneth L. Weyler, r
Dist. No. 14 (4)	Debra L. DeSimone, r; William G. Friel, r; Norman L. Major, r; Peter E. Torosian, r
Dist. No. 15 (1)	Mary M. Allen, r
Dist. No. 16 (1)	Robert L. Nigrello, r
Dist. No. 17 (3)	Michael D. Cahill, d; Charlotte I. DiLorenzo, d; Ellen Read, d
Dist. No. 18 (4)	Skip Berrien, d; Betsey M. Farnham, d; Paula Francese, d; Julie D. Gilman, d
Dist. No. 19 (2)	Patrick F. Abrami, r; Debra Altschiller, d
Dist. No. 20 (3)	Francis G. Chase, r; Jason A. Janvrin, r; Aboul B. Khan, r
Dist. No. 21 (4)	Philip W. Bean, r; Robert R. Cushing, d; Michael A. Edgar, d; J. Tracy Emerick, r
Dist. No. 22 (1)	Henry A. Marsh, r
Dist. No. 23 (1)	Dennis Malloy, d
Dist. No. 24 (2)	Mindi Messmer, d; Kate Murray, d
Dist. No. 25 (1)	Laura C. Pantelakos, d

Dist. No. 26 (1)	Rebecca McBeath, d
Dist. No. 27 (1)	Peter F. Somssich, d
Dist. No. 28 (1)	Gerald W. R. Ward, d
Dist. No. 29 (1)	Pamela S. Gordon, d
Dist. No. 30 (1)	Jacqueline A. Cali-Pitts, d
Dist. No. 31 (1)	Tamara Le, d
Dist. No. 32 (1)	Yvonne M. Dean-Bailey, r
Dist. No. 33 (1)	Scott Wallace, r
Dist. No. 34 (1)	Mark A. Pearson, r
Dist. No. 35 (1)	Richard E. Gordon, r
Dist. No. 36 (1)	Patricia T. Lovejoy, d
Dist. No. 37 (1)	Rio H. Tilton, r

STRAFFORD COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (2)	Robert V. Graham, r; John A. Mullen, r
Dist. No. 2 (2)	James F. Horgan, r; Joseph A. Pitre, r
Dist. No. 3 (2)	Michael D. Harrington, r; Kurt Wuelper, r
Dist. No. 4 (2)	Jacalyn L. Cilley, d; Leonard P. Turcotte, r
Dist. No. 5 (1)	Jeffrey C. Salloway, d
Dist. No. 6 (5)	Wayne M. Burton, d; Timothy O. Horrigan, d; Marjorie Smith, d; Judith T. Spang, d; Janet G. Wall, d&r
Dist. No. 7 (1)	Timothy Fontneau, d
Dist. No. 8 (1)	Donna Ellis, d
Dist. No. 9 (1)	Steven P. Beaudoin, r
Dist. No. 10 (1)	Jody McNally, r
Dist. No. 11 (1)	Chuck Grassie, d
Dist. No. 12 (1)	Matthew Scruton, r
Dist. No. 13 (1)	Isaac Epstein, d
Dist. No. 14 (1)	Hamilton R. Krans, d
Dist. No. 15 (1)	Linn Opderbecke, d
Dist. No. 16 (1)	Sherry Frost, d
Dist. No. 17 (3)	Peter W. Bixby, d; Susan G. Treleaven, d; Kenneth S. Vincent, d
Dist. No. 18 (3)	Roger R. Berube, d; Matthew Spencer, r; Dale R. Sprague, d
Dist. No. 19 (1)	Peter B. Schmidt, d
Dist. No. 20 (1)	Thomas L. Southworth, d
Dist. No. 21 (1)	Catt Sandler, d
Dist. No. 22 (1)	Thomas L. Kaczynski, r
Dist. No. 23 (1)	Sandra B. Keans, d
Dist. No. 24 (1)	Brandon Phinney, r
Dist. No. 25 (1)	Amanda Gourgue, d

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Dist. No. 1 (2)	Lee Walker Oxenham, d; Andrew R. Schmidt, d
Dist. No. 2 (1)	Suzanne H. Gottling, d
Dist. No. 3 (1)	Francis Gauthier, r
Dist. No. 4 (1)	John J. O'Connor, r
Dist. No. 5 (1)	Raymond G. Gagnon, d
Dist. No. 6 (2)	Virginia O. Irwin, d; Skip A. Rollins, r
Dist. No. 7 (1)	James L. Grenier, r
Dist. No. 8 (1)	Thomas W. Laware, r
Dist. No. 9 (1)	Linda L. Tanner, d
Dist. No. 10 (1)	John R. Cloutier, d
Dist. No. 11 (1)	Steven D. Smith, r

With 387 members-elect having answered the call of the roll, a quorum was declared present.

RESOLUTION

Representatives-elect Jasper and Shurtleff 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.

Motion adopted.

The Chair appointed the following: Representatives-elect Laura Pantelakos, Mary Jane Wallner, David Cote and Gene Chandler.

OATH OF OFFICE

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan, having been informed that a quorum of the House was assembled, appeared, accompanied by the Honorable Executive Councilors, Joseph D. Kenney, Colin Van Ostern, Christopher T. Sununu, Christopher C. Pappas and David K. Wheeler. The members-elect, having presented their credentials, were duly qualified by the Governor as members of the House of Representatives by taking and subscribing the oath of office agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire.

The Governor and Executive Councilors retired.

COMMUNICATION

December 7, 2016

Mr. Paul Smith
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Paul:

Please be advised that the following representative-elect was sworn into office by the Governor and Executive Council on this day:

Hillsborough County District No. 7

Keith Murphy, r, Bedford (5 Rachel Way) 03110

Sincerely,
William M. Gardner, Secretary of State

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED GROUND RULES FOR ELECTION

Reps. Jasper and Shurtleff offered the following proposed Rules for Election:

The rules of these elections shall be the rules of the 2016 New Hampshire House of Representatives, subject to the following ground rules:

Only members certified by the Secretary of State shall be eligible to participate and vote. Access to the floor shall be limited to members, and such other officers and assistants as may be required by the Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms. The Clerk will prepare a checklist of those present and qualified to vote.

Election of candidates will be by majority vote of those present and voting. If more than two candidates are standing for an office, and if there is no majority vote, there will be no elimination of the low candidate after any ballot. All candidates will remain in the running unless they withdraw of their own volition.

Balloting shall continue until an officer is elected. If there is no candidate with a majority of votes, there shall be a 20-minute recess after the announcement of the results.

On each ballot, the Clerk will have printed, in alphabetical order, the name of any candidates, who prior to the opening of the session, informed the Clerk of their candidacies. There will be one blank line for write-in candidates.

Each candidate will name two tellers to count the ballots.

First ballot nominating and seconding speeches will be limited to 15 minutes for each candidate. Subsequent speeches shall be limited to 3 minutes per candidate. Candidates who desire to concede or withdraw shall speak first. No other limitations will apply to these speeches.

Motion adopted.

ELECTION OF HOUSE SPEAKER

The Chair declared that nominations for Speaker were in order.

Rep. Heath placed the name of Rep. Shurtleff in nomination for Speaker and addressed the House.

Rep. Luneau seconded the nomination and addressed the House.

Rep. Shurtleff accepted the nomination and addressed the House.

Rep. Steven Smith placed the name of Rep. Jasper in nomination for Speaker and addressed the House.

Reps. Vose and Katsakiores seconded the nomination and addressed the House.

Rep. Jasper accepted the nomination and addressed the House.

The Chair, at the request of the candidates, named Reps. Eaton and Weber as tellers for Rep. Shurtleff; Reps. Hinch and Packard as tellers for Rep. Jasper and the Chair appointed Reps. Kurk and Schuett as tellers for the House.

The Chair declared nominations closed.

Of the 387 votes cast, 194 votes were needed for election. Rep. Shurtleff received 165 votes and Rep. Jasper received 214 votes. There were 8 scatter votes. The Chair declared Rep. Shawn Jasper the duly-elected Speaker of the House for the 2017-2018 biennium.

Rep. Shurtleff moved that Shawn Jasper be elected Speaker by acclamation.
Motion adopted.

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

(Speaker Jasper in the Chair)

APPOINTMENTS

The Speaker made the following appointments:

Rep. Hinch, Republican Leader.

Rep. Shurtleff, Democratic Leader.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

Rep. Shurtleff moved that the remarks made by Speaker Jasper be printed in the Permanent Journal.
Motion adopted.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

Speaker Jasper: Actually, the first thing I'd like to do is to thank our Clerk for a great job. The second thing I would like to do is to appoint Representatives Hinch and Shurtleff as the leaders of their respective caucuses. Congratulations. Then, I'd like to thank you all. Regardless of how you voted in the election, we come together here today as the House to do the people's business. I welcome all of you as newly sworn Representatives. Whether you've been here for twenty terms or one term, we are all equal and we all deserve the same respect and I expect that the House will act accordingly. We will do great things in the next two years and we will do them together. We will disagree at times, but again as I remind people, we agree somewhere between 80 and 90% of the time on the work that we do. We cannot let the 10% to 20% that we disagree on drive a permanent wedge between us, so let us all remember that. Two years ago when I was elected after a very long day, I said, "Now is not the time for speeches," so I didn't give one. This one will be very brief as well. I want to sort of take off a little bit from where Rep. Smith was and talk about how I feel about this institution. I come in to the gallery on a pretty regular basis and just look down in to this Chamber and think about what has gone on here for almost two hundred years, but the legislature really has been in existence for over 325 years here in New Hampshire. So when I look down here and I think about that, I'm really in awe of the responsibility that I have and that all of us have. The day that I lose that sense of pride and of astonishment, I guess that I am part of that, is the day that it will be time for me to leave because we should all feel that way when we recognize the responsibility that our constituents have given us. I am a bit of a historian and for many years I really didn't know anything about my own family history. I started doing that research and I was astonished, actually, to find that the Honorable John Gilman, the third Speaker of the House who served in 1692, is my 9th great grandfather. That sort of gives me a different perspective on the duties that I assume and the legacy that I carry, not only for him, but for all the other Speakers of the House. Little bit more research and I found out a little bit more connection here. My 5th great grandfather was Col. Mark Wiggin, a soldier in the revolution. He served with Washington at Winter Hill in Massachusetts during the revolution. After the revolution, Mark became a member of the Constitutional Convention, which gave us this constitution, so that gives me a deeper appreciation and a little bit more reflection. Mark then took that commitment that he had to this new nation and to this new state under the constitution a little further. He became a member of the first House under the constitution that he helped create. A little bit more research and I found out that that seal, the new seal, when that was voted upon and adopted by this House. In the old days, committees were formed to bring the bill to the Senate and Mark was part of that committee so I have a great deal of connection to this legislature through my ancestry and not only just that, of course, but the fact that I do have a tremendous respect and admiration for what has gone on here over the two hundred years and so I can promise you that I will do my best to honor those traditions. One of the greatest traditions, in my opinion, of the Speaker is to make sure that when the Speaker is here no one belongs to a political party; that when a member is recognized to speak, the party affiliation is gone and what we have to guide us are the rules and traditions of this House. I shall do my very best to uphold those in the finest tradition of the State of New Hampshire. Thank you all very much.

ELECTION OF HOUSE OFFICERS

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

Rep. Victoria Sullivan placed the name of Paul C. Smith in nomination for Clerk of the House and addressed the House.

Rep. Theberge seconded the nomination and addressed the House.

There being no further nominations, and without objection, the Speaker closed nominations and one ballot was cast for Paul C. Smith and he was declared the duly elected Clerk of the House for the 2017-2018 biennium. Paul C. Smith addressed the House.

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

Rep. Packard placed the name of Walter Sword for Sergeant-at-Arms and addressed the House.

Rep. Schuett seconded the nomination and addressed the House.

There being no further nominations, and without objection, the Speaker closed nominations and one ballot was cast for Walter Sword and he was declared the duly elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House for the 2017-2018 biennium. Walter Sword addressed the House.

The Speaker administered the oath of office to Paul C. Smith and Walter Sword.

RESOLUTION

Reps. Hinch and Shurtleff offered the following: RESOLVED, that the House inform the Honorable Senate it has organized and is ready to meet in Joint Convention for the purposes of electing a Secretary of State and a State Treasurer.

Motion adopted.

SENATE MESSAGE

The Senate has organized and has elected its officers:

President of the Senate: Senator Chuck Morse

Clerk of the Senate: Tammy L. Wright

SENATE MESSAGE

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

JOINT CONVENTION

(Speaker Jasper presiding)

The Speaker called the Joint Convention to order.

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

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

Rep. Mary Griffin and Sen. Bradley seconded the nomination and addressed the Joint Convention.

On a voice vote, William M. Gardner was declared the duly elected Secretary of State for the 2017-2018 biennium.

William M. Gardner addressed the Joint Convention.

The Chair declared that nominations were in order for State Treasurer.

Sen. Reagan placed the name of William F. Dwyer in nomination for State Treasurer and addressed the Joint Convention.

Rep. Weyler seconded the nomination and addressed the Joint Convention.

On a voice vote, William F. Dwyer was declared the duly elected State Treasurer for the 2017-2018 biennium.

William F. Dwyer addressed the Joint Convention.

The Chair administered the oath of office to William M. Gardner and William F. Dwyer.

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

Motion adopted.

The Joint Convention adjourned.

HOUSE SESSION

The Speaker reconvened the House Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Reps. Hinch and Shurtleff offered the following: RESOLVED, that the House adopt the Rules of the 2016 session for the 2017-2018 biennium.

Motion adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Reps. Hinch and Shurtleff offered the following: RESOLVED, that all action taken at all sessions of the House of Representatives be recorded through the public address system, and that the recording 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.

Motion adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Reps. Hinch and Shurtleff offered the following: 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.

Motion adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Reps. Hinch and Shurtleff offered the following: 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.

Motion adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Reps. Hinch and Shurtleff offered the following: RESOLVED, that the members will be paid their legislative salary, as provided in the Constitution, in the month of January 2017, and that mileage of members of the House of Representatives be paid every two weeks during the session.

Motion adopted.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Hinch 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 4, 2017.

Motion adopted.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Schuett requested Unanimous Consent of the House regarding Pearl Harbor Day and addressed the House.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

Rep. Hinch moved that the remarks made by Rep. Schuett during Unanimous Consent be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

REMARKS

Rep. Schuett: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I am sure you all are aware now of the significance of this date, the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor presaging our entry into WWII. In remembering that event I would like to share an experience I had just a little over two months ago. I took a trip to Hawaii with some old friends, the Harness family from my old neighborhood in southern California. Like my own late father, I knew that Bob, their father, was a veteran of that war but also like my Dad, he didn't talk about it much with his kids, and certainly not with us neighbor kids. So, on October 2 of this year, it was my great honor to accompany this member of the greatest generation along with his wife and daughter, on his first visit to the Arizona Memorial. As we boarded the memorial, Bob paused to salute his mates, over 1100 of whom are still entombed in their ship. He was quiet for a while, taking in the rusting hulk and the awesomeness of the gleaming white memorial that straddles it. We slowly made our way to the diagrams of the ship below and one of the park service guides, noticing Bob's WWII cap, asked about his service. Bob told him that he had served in the navy, in the Pacific, and described his destroyer, the 'Blue,' and some of the action they had seen. Bob said they had tied up in Pearl during the war and he knew the Arizona was still submerged there but no one could visit it then and he couldn't make out for sure just where his ship would have berthed. The park service guide smiled a little and explained that, of course, the area had changed quite a bit in the 70 plus years since the war. He then told Bob to go over to a particular pillar at the side of the memorial and to look behind it. There is a rusted piece of the superstructure of the ship protruding there and he invited Bob to touch it. Needless to say, it was an emotional moment. Many of you may know that the USS Missouri, the 'Big Mo,' on whose decks the final surrender papers of WWII were signed, is now moored at Ford's Island, just behind and visible from the Arizona Memorial. So visitors witness the beginning and the end of our involvement in that war; and I am sure that somehow the crew of the Arizona know that their sacrifice was not in vain. This was my fourth trip to the Arizona Memorial, but it's definitely the one that I will never forget. Thank you.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. L'Heureux requested Unanimous Consent of the House regarding Pearl Harbor Day and addressed the House.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

Rep. Shurtleff moved that the remarks made by Rep. L'Heureux during Unanimous Consent be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

REMARKS

Rep. L'Heureux: Thank you, Mister Speaker, and congratulations on your Speaker election. In 2000, I was honored to be asked by Mr. Bill Lefabvre, President of the New Hampshire Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, to file legislation which would name the new Manchester Airport Access Road Bridge the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge. In soliciting support for this legislation from various state veterans organizations, I was asked if we could incorporate the naming of the bridge that would be part of the Nashua, Hudson Merrimack Circumferential Highway Project into the bill. We were more than happy to oblige and include their request in our legislation. That bridge will be named the POW/MIA Memorial Bridge. The bill's sponsors were Senators Sheila Roberge, Lou D'Allesandro, George Disnard, Carl Johnson and Fred King along with Representatives Mary Griffin, Alf Jacobson, Don White and Bob Milligan. On May 5 2000, in a ceremony held in the Executive Council Chamber, Governor Jeanne Shaheen signed the bill into law. At that time there were 24 New Hampshire Pearl Harbor Veterans. Because of the declining number of Pearl Harbor Veterans, we asked DOT if the bridge dedication could be made before the 2011 completion and dedication date. This was an unusual request because dedications don't normally take place until a project is complete. The Department of Transportation agreed and the dedication ceremony was held here in the House Chambers on December 7 2009, nine years after the bill became law. The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association had \$275.00 remaining in their checking account and asked if they purchased a small bronze commemorative plaque could it be mounted on the bridge. They were expecting to see a draft at the dedication. On dedication day, Governor John Lynch presented each veteran an appropriate certificate and unveiled two beautiful 30"x48" signs, one for each end of the bridge to the surprise and pleasure of our guests. Sixteen veterans were present, and this was the last time they would all come together. On September 10, 2010, their numbers now down to 10, by special invitation they were given a tour of the bridge even though the project was far from completion. On November 11, 2011 the project is completed and the Ray Wieczorek Dr. is dedicated, the road and bridge are open to the public and there were nine of our heroes present. The dedication of this bridge, The Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge is a fitting tribute to these gallant men who on a peaceful Sunday morning were thrust into the hell pit of war. We will never know the full extent of the events and individual actions that took place on that 'Day of Infamy.' But we do know, that despite the horror, the turmoil and the injuries they sustained, these gallant men went to the immediate aid of their comrades, saving an untold number by their heroic actions. They are not heroes because they survived; they are heroes because of their actions to save their comrades. Today, there are fewer than eight of our heroes with us. In time they will all have crossed their bridge to join their comrades in heaven. Over time individual names will be forgotten but this bridge will remain a constant fitting reminder to the travelers in and out of New Hampshire that long after we are gone our Pearl Harbor heroes will forever be remembered. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Organizational session of the 2017-2018 House of Representatives adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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