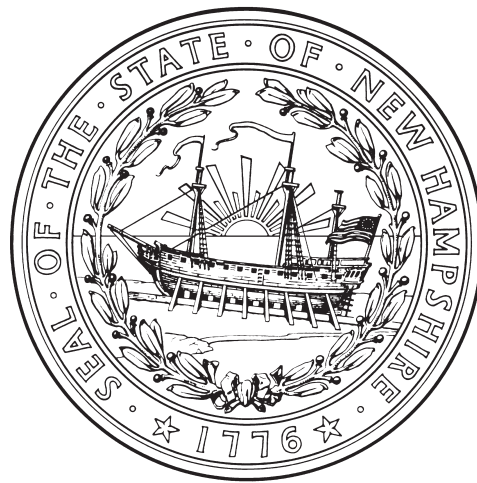


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ORGANIZATION DAY

The Honorable Tammy L. Wright, Clerk of the Senate, called the Senate to order at 10:00 a.m.

The Reverend Father Stephen Lawson, chaplain to the Senate, offered the following prayer:

FATHER STEPHEN LAWSON: Thank you for having me this morning. I'm Father Stephen Lawson from Saint Anselm Abbey and College in Manchester. It's great to be with you this morning. Lots of new faces from last year. It's also great to see so many of our alums serving. And also, my former professor, Senator D'Allesandro.

So, let us pray. Merciful Creator, we thank you for guiding the servants and leaders of this hallowed body. Watch over and bless each Senator and staffer who are making sacrifices to serve here this morning. Grant them a merciful heart and patience as they work together in a spirit of civility and humility. Provide the servants who will be elected on this Organization Day with the wisdom and courage to make difficult decisions that will help all people of this great state. We also pray for those who died this day in the attack on Pearl Harbor and those who served in World War II. Continue to bless the peoples of New Hampshire with peace, prosperity and safety. We ask you, our source of justice, that you bless all of us here today so we may act justly and walk with humility before our Creator. Amen.

Senator Gendreau led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Honorable Tammy L. Wright, Clerk of the Senate, called the Roll of the Senate for attendance. There were 24 members present.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR SENATORS

At this time, on the first Wednesday in December, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and two, being the day prescribed by the Constitution for the Legislature of New Hampshire to assemble and the Honorable Christopher T. Sununu, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, accompanied by the Honorable Executive Council, will come into the Senate Chamber, and will now subscribe the oaths of office, and witness the signing of the oath by each individual Senator, and verify that these are duly qualified as Senators agreeably to the provision of the Constitution.

Recess. Out of recess.

The Clerk recognized the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Honorable Executive Council.

The Clerk recognized the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Honorable Governor Christopher T. Sununu.

The Clerk recognized the Honorable Governor Christopher T. Sununu.

GOVERNOR CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU: Great. Thank you so much. Welcome back. We thought it would never happen, but it did. It has been a long time since we've had the honor, obviously, with the councilors and myself of swearing you in here in this body. Obviously, we did it last time in a more remote type setting. But to be here, back in chambers on a full schedule, a lot to do, a lot of opportunities ahead of us. State's in great shape right now, there's no doubt about it. But we always have challenges, and this body has just done a phenomenal job. I can only speak for the last six years, but it has been an absolute honor and a phenomenal privilege to get stuff done. And I think that's where New Hampshire excels. Whether it's Republicans in control or Democrats in control, we've had a little bit of each. We always find a way. And that's a real testament to this body, and the House as well. But to this body especially being some of the more major issues, whether it's the budget and things like that, that not only that you pass, but you really take leadership roles on which we very much appreciate.

So, with that, I have it quasi-memorized, but it's been a couple of years. I feel the same way. I feel the same way sometimes. It would not be the legislative chambers without some good passion.

Okay, so if the Senators would please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I, state your name, of your town, do solemnly swear, that I will bear faith and true allegiance to the United States of America and the state of New Hampshire, and will support the constitution thereof. So help me God.

I, state your name, do solemnly and sincerely swear and affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all duties incumbent on me as State Senator according to the best of my abilities, agreeably to the rules and regulations of this constitution and laws of the state of New Hampshire. So help me God.

GOVERNOR CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU: Congratulations.

Please note that Senator Altschiller elected to take the below oath:

I, state your name, of your town, do solemnly affirm that I will bear faith and true allegiance to the United States of America and the state of New Hampshire, and will support the constitutions thereof. This I do under the pains and penalties of perjury.

I, state your name, do solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as State Senator according to the best of my abilities, agreeably to the rules and regulations of this constitution and laws of the state of New Hampshire. This I do under the pains and penalties of perjury.

WHEREUPON, the Governor and Council witnessed the signing of the oath by each of the following individual Senators, verifying that these are duly qualified as Senators pursuant to the provisions of the New Hampshire Constitution:

District No. 1	Carrie L. Gendreau
District No. 2	Timothy P. Lang
District No. 3	Jeb Bradley
District No. 4	David H. Watters
District No. 5	Suzanne M. Prentiss
District No. 6	James P. Gray
District No. 7	Daniel E. Innis
District No. 8	Ruth Ward
District No. 9	Denise Ricciardi
District No. 10	Donovan Fenton
District No. 11	Shannon E. Chandley
District No. 12	Kevin A. Avard
District No. 13	Cindy Rosenwald
District No. 14	Sharon M. Carson
District No. 15	Rebecca G. Whitley
District No. 16	Keith R. Murphy
District No. 17	Howard Pearl
District No. 18	Donna M. Soucy
District No. 19	Regina Birdsell
District No. 20	Lou D'Allesandro
District No. 21	Rebecca Perkins Kwoka
District No. 22	Daryl Abbas
District No. 23	William M. Gannon
District No. 24	Debra Altschiller

ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

The Honorable Tammy L. Wright, Clerk of the Senate, stated that nominations for President of the Senate are in order.

(The Chair recognized Senator Carson for a nomination.)

SENATOR CARSON: Thank you, Madam Clerk. I rise this morning to nominate Senator Jeb Bradley to be the Senate President for the 2022-2024 session. I have had the pleasure of knowing Senator Bradley for probably well over thirty years. And I actually served with Senator Bradley when he was a House member. We've

been roommates; we shared LOB 5 for one session. And I can't speak highly enough of Senator Bradley. He is an individual that cares passionately about the state of New Hampshire. He's a New Hampshire native, and he wants all of us to be successful. Senator Bradley is known for being fair, for being honest, and as the Governor said, always trying to find a way. He's always willing to work with everyone in this chamber and our colleagues in the other chamber. So please join me in voting for Senator Bradley. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Soucy for a second.)

SENATOR SOUCY: Thank you. Madam Clerk, I rise to second the nomination of Jeb Bradley for Senate President. I too served with Senator Bradley thirty years ago in the House on the other side of the aisle. We were both younger. I think we both had longer hair, a little less gray, but both had a passion for the issues and the policies that we debated in the House. I left the House to go to law school. Senator Bradley went on to serve in Congress and then found himself coming back to an institution that I know he truly admires and respects. I've had the opportunity to work with Senator Bradley on issues where we've reached consensus. I've had the opportunity to fiercely debate issues where we couldn't come to an agreement. And he has been a formidable adversary, but he's also been a friend, and he has a respect for this institution, whether it was serving in the House, when he was in Congress, now here in the Senate. He has a respect for the process and understands the importance of the work that we do for the people of New Hampshire every day. And I look forward to working with him in this new capacity. It's going to be a bit different for him, I know, because he loves to be in the middle of the fight on every issue that he can. But I know that he will rise to the occasion and be a good Senate President. And for that reason, I second his nomination.

Hearing no further nominations, the Clerk declared nominations to be closed.

Adopted. Senator Jeb Bradley was elected President of the Senate.

The Honorable Tammy L. Wright, Clerk of the Senate, requested Senator Carson to escort Senator Jeb Bradley, President of the Senate, to the rostrum.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: Good morning, everybody. There we go. So, I'm a little bit overwhelmed to be up here, I think Senator Soucy said it the best; I think the view is very different up here than it is from the floor. But I'm humbled and I'm honored that you've chosen me to be your presiding officer. It really is a great honor. But more than being a great honor to be Senate President, I think for all of us, it's a great honor to serve in this body. I think as you look around the room and we see all the guests and family members, we have an opportunity that few people have with our families, with our friends, and our supporters to do good work for the state of New Hampshire. So, first and foremost, let me congratulate all twenty-three of you, myself included, that would be twenty-four. Because this year has been a difficult year. We all know that. It's been a difficult year, but we have opportunities ahead of us.

My mother always told me the three most important words in the English language, but any language are please and thank you. So, I want to say a lot of thank yous this morning, because for all of us, I think that is vitally important. Thank you for entrusting in me to be your presiding officer, to be the President. I look forward to that.

None of us serve here in a vacuum. We don't get here without the support of voters, our friends, but most importantly, our families. And so, I want to thank my beautiful bride, Karen, who has stood with me for all these years. Her love, her support, her friendship, and her pretty sage advice, is vitally, vitally important. And it's important for me to thank Karen, but for all of us to recognize how important our families are. And I think all twenty-four of us should do everything that we can to respect how time consuming and difficult it can be on family members. And I think we need to make sure that we do everything possible to not only thank our families, but also respect the time away from this beautiful room. So, thank you for all the friends and relatives and families that are here today. I wish we had a little bit better day, because I love seeing the blue sky out these windows, but today it's gray. Hopefully, it'll be snowing in the ski areas soon. Thank you for coming, today.

We exercise the rights that we have as Americans to represent ourselves in this beautiful republic. And that wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the men and women who are first responders, who are police officers, who are firefighters, who are members of the military, and who are veterans. So, for anybody that is a veteran, a member of the military, a first responder, please stand up so that we can recognize you, especially on this day of all days, Pearl Harbor Day. Please stand up.

I want to pay a special tribute to a good friend of mine. You're going to get a second round of applause. Captain Dave Farley, who was a member of the Marines, served in Vietnam with his bride, Pat. Thank you very much, Dave, for your friendship and your support.

We also need to say thank you for the people that make this building go. We like to think of ourselves as twenty-four pretty important people. But you know what? Without our staff, starting with Chief of Staff Debra Vanderbeek. Where'd you go, Debra? There you are. Or our clerk or everybody else that makes this building go, they've worked the long hours and their dedication is unbelievable. And everybody's staff members, please stand up so we can thank you.

Senator Soucy, yes, you and I have served a long time together. I've always admired you for your professionalism, for the respect that you create on a bipartisan basis. We don't always agree, but there's always mutual respect because you serve here with dignity and distinction and honor and thank you for making this transition easy. I know you've been through it before, so thank you very much.

Senator Morse, you better stand up for one more time, please. Senator Morse, we all know him really well. Like Senator Soucy, has served with distinction and honor, noted for his hard work. I think integrity is his middle name. There's one valuable lesson that Senator Morse has taught me, among many valuable lessons. It's amazing that we have oftentimes, quite oftentimes, similar goals. The way we get there, like Robert Frost said, of different roads traveled, is how we get to a goal. And Senator Morse has always shown a way to get to a goal, but to do it in the most cost effective, common sense manner possible. And it's something I think all twenty-four of us need to remember. Chuck, we're going to miss you. I don't know how much you'll miss us, but I know we'll miss you a lot. So, thank you.

So, I think all of us, as we look back on what happened on November 8th, there's a message from voters, I think, that we need to listen to. Right now, a lot of people that we represent are struggling and they need us to listen to the fact that they're struggling. They've sent a balanced State House. And we have to work together. And it starts with listening to the voters who are struggling, their families, their kids... Yep, keep talking. That's a good thing. Keep talking... Their hopes, their aspirations, their dreams, their jobs, and their opportunity. We need to make the people that we represent, as we always should, but in particular moving forward, our top priority. And I'm sure you will join me in doing everything that we can to listen, and most importantly, as we're designing our budget, which is always the most important piece of legislation that we have, to make them our top priority. To make sure that we meet the needs of the people of this state, that we drive a growing economy, and we protect taxpayers.

Now, I have to talk a little bit about experience I've had because I've served in two of the largest legislative bodies in the English speaking world. And no, I don't want to serve in the British Parliament ever. But what I have learned is that this body, that we are all graced with the opportunity to work in, is very, very different. And here's why. We have fancy license plates and fancy titles, but at the end of the day, we're just glorified volunteers. And what does that mean in my opinion? Similar to what Senator Soucy said, it forces us to work together. It forces us, when we disagree with each other, to be agreeable. That's a good thing. It forces us to listen. And through that respect that I've always known that we have of each other in this room, we have the opportunity that the good voters of the state of New Hampshire has sent us here to do their work. So, I know you're looking forward to that. I'm looking forward to that. My door is always open. So, let's enjoy the next two years, be willing to work hard, listen to each other, and hopefully the state will be a better place for our work. And that is something that we should all strive for.

So, thank you all very much. And Tammy, I think you want me to move on with the rest of the agenda, the rules. Again, thank you all very much.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 RULES ADOPTION

Senator Carson offered the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Rules of the 2021-2022 Session be adopted as the Rules of the 2023-2024 Session, with the changes which have been provided here today.

SENATOR CARSON: And those changes you will find on your desk. Those changes are, one Senate Rule 2-33, remote participation in Senate session amending the date to be 2024. Second are the deadlines and there is language allowing to change deadlines. Three, it has been added a 5:00 p.m. deadline for deadlines that deal with the drafting of legislation. And number four has been added a co-sponsor sign off deadline.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE RULES

Amend the Senate Rules by inserting Senate Rule 2-33 with the following:

2-33 Remote Participation in Senate Session - Upon the vote of two-thirds of members present and voting, a member may participate in a Senate session from a remote location by electronic or other means that ensures that the member participating remotely is able to simultaneously see and hear each of the other members of the Senate speak during the session. The member participating remotely shall identify his or her location and identify all persons present in the location from which the member is participating. The member's participation shall be audible to the public watching the Senate's livestream. No roll call shall be required unless moved and seconded pursuant to Rule 2-25. A quorum of the Senate shall be present in the chamber at all times. This rule shall expire at the end of the 2024 legislative session.

Amend Senate Rule 7-1 by replacing with the following:

7-1 Deadlines. *After conferring with the Minority Leader, the deadlines may be reasonably amended at the discretion of the Senate President, to be timely noticed on the General Court website.*

- (a) Monday, December 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. – Deadline for the Office of Legislative Services to accept drafting of a Senate Bill, Senate Concurrent Resolution, or Senate Joint Resolution with complete information for the 2023 Session.
- (b) Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. – Deadline for prime sponsors to sign off on legislation.
- (c) Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. – Deadline for co-sponsors to sign off on legislation.
- (d) Monday, February 27, 2023 – Friday, March 03, 2023: SENATE BREAK.
- (e) Thursday, March 09, 2023 – Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
- (f) Thursday, March 30, 2023 – CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.
- (g) Thursday, May 18, 2023 – Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
- (h) Thursday, June 08, 2023 – Deadline to ACT on all House bills.
- (i) Thursday, June 15, 2023 – Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.
- (j) Thursday, June 22, 2023 – Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.
- (k) Thursday, June 29, 2023 – Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.

Adopted.

ELECTION OF THE CLERK OF THE SENATE

President Bradley stated that nominations for Clerk of the Senate are in order.

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: So if I might speak from the podium. I'd like to nominate our Clerk, Tammy Wright. I think for those of us who have served here, and I've served under four Senate Presidents, but only one Clerk, and that's for a reason. Tammy is unbelievable in what she does and how she does it. Effective, efficient, hardworking, honest, integrity. Both sides of the aisle trust Tammy Wright. She's too modest. That's the only thing I could say. She's too modest. But that's probably a good thing, as Senate Clerk. Whenever anybody has an issue on process, on rules, we know that we can go to Tammy, and we'll get an answer and we'll get a solution. And it is really a privilege to nominate you because more than anything else, this body functions smoothly because of your work. So, with that, I place the nomination of Tammy Wright in order and recognize Senator Soucy for a second.

(The Chair recognized Senator Soucy for a second.)

SENATOR SOUCY: Thank you, Mister President. I, too, rise to second the nomination of Tammy Wright as our Clerk. I would certainly echo the comments of the Senate President about Tammy's professionalism, work ethic, uncompromised impartiality, her ability to work with each and every Senator and help us through our individual issues. But most importantly, to help the presiding officer guide us all through the work that we need to accomplish. Tammy and her staff are truly the central nervous system of the Senate. They keep everything else working and flowing. And she has done an impeccable job from the day she started many years ago. Having held every job in that office, she is truly a credit to all of us, and it would be wonderful to re-elect her unanimously as our Senate Clerk.

Hearing no further nominations, President Bradley declared nominations to be closed.

Adopted. The Honorable Tammy L. Wright was elected Clerk of the Senate.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR SENATE OFFICER

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: Okay, so I've never done this before so bear with me. The oath of the Senate Clerk. Raise your right hand please and where appropriate state your name and repeat after me.

I, state your name, do solemnly swear, that I will bear faith and true allegiance to the United States of America and the state of New Hampshire and will support the constitution thereof. So help me God.

I, state your name, do solemnly and sincerely swear and affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Senate Clerk according to the best of my abilities, agreeably to the rules and regulations of this constitution and laws of the state of New Hampshire. So help me God.

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: Congratulations.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES

Senator Carson offered the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State be requested to furnish the Senate with the official return of votes from the various Senatorial Districts. Adopted.

The Chair recognized the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Honorable David M. Scanlan, the Secretary of State.

(The Chair recognized the Honorable David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State.)

SECRETARY OF STATE SCANLAN: Thank you, Mister President, and members of the Senate. As required, I'm here to present the Official Return of Votes for the Senate elections. I believe that you all have a copy of the official returns in the packet in front of you. And what's that does is reflects that each of you received a plurality of votes in your respective Senate districts. And as a result, were duly elected as New Hampshire Senators. Congratulations and that concludes my report.

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: A model of brevity.

The Honorable David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State, appeared and presented the return of votes for State Senators from the various Senatorial Districts, as returned to the Secretary of State's Office from the General Election held November 8, 2022

COMMITTEE REPORT

The selected committee to whom was referred the various returns of votes for State Senators from the several districts, having attended to their duties and having examined the returns made to the Secretary of State and the records in the office of said Secretary, report that they filed the state of the vote returned from the several districts as follows:

First District

Carrie L. Gendreau, r	13,112
Edith Tucker, d	<u>10,855</u>
Plurality for Gendreau	2,257

Second District

Timothy Lang, r	15,321
Kate Miller, d	<u>12,038</u>
Plurality for Lang	3,283

Third District

Jeb Bradley, r	17,336
Bill Marsh, d	<u>12,309</u>
Plurality for Bradley	5,027

Fourth District

David H. Watters, d	15,879
Seamus Casey, r	<u>9,207</u>
Plurality for Watters	6,672

Fifth District

Suzanne M. Prentiss, d	19,269
John McIntyre, r	<u>8,656</u>
Plurality for Prentiss	10,613

Sixth District

James P. Gray, r	13,167
Ruth Larson, d	<u>10,434</u>
Plurality for Gray	2,733

Seventh District

Daniel E. Innis, r	13,413
Richard A. Lobban Jr., d	<u>11,146</u>
Plurality for Innis	2,267

Eighth District

Ruth Ward, r	14,080
Charlene Marcotte Lovett, d	<u>10,520</u>
Plurality for Ward	3,560

Ninth District

Denise Ricciardi, r	13,687
Matthew McLaughlin, d	<u>12,510</u>
Plurality for Ricciardi	1,177

Tenth District

Donovan Fenton, d	17,305
Sly Karasinski, r	<u>8,860</u>
Plurality for Fenton	8,445

Eleventh District

Shannon E. Chandley, d	14,320
Gary L. Daniels, r	<u>13,591</u>
Plurality for Chandley	729

Twelfth District

Kevin A. Avard, r	14,314
Melanie Levesque, d	<u>13,626</u>
Plurality for Avard	688

Thirteenth District

Cindy Rosenwald, d	10,445
Stephen Scaer, r	<u>7,319</u>
Plurality for Rosenwald	3,126

Fourteenth District

Sharon M. Carson, r	14,631
John Robinson, d	<u>10,133</u>
Plurality for Carson	4,498

Fifteenth District

Becky Whitley, d	16,625
Linda Rae Banfill, r	<u>9,071</u>
Plurality for Whitley	7,554

Sixteenth District

Keith Murphy, r	13,494
June Trisciani, d	<u>11,783</u>
Plurality for Murphy	1,711

Seventeenth District

Howard Pearl, r	14,878
Christine M. Tappan, d	<u>11,311</u>
Plurality for Pearl	3,567

Eighteenth District

Donna M. Soucy, d	9,920
George A. Lambert, r	<u>9,015</u>
Plurality for Soucy	905

Nineteenth District

Regina Birdsell, r	15,143
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Twentieth District

Lou D'Allesandro, d	9,859
Richard H. Girard, r	<u>7,172</u>
Plurality for D'Allesandro	2,687

Twenty-First District

Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, d	20,084
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Twenty-Second District

Daryl Abbas, r	16,622
Wayne Haubner, d	<u>9,927</u>
Plurality for Abbas	6,695

Twenty-Third District

Bill Gannon, r	16,902
Brenda Oldak, d	<u>11,064</u>
Plurality for Gannon	5,838

Twenty-Fourth District

Debra Altschiller, d	18,020
Lou Gargiulo, r	<u>14,308</u>
Plurality for Altschiller	3,712

RESOLUTION NO. 3**SELECT COMMITTEE OF THREE**

Senator Carson offered the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the return of votes from the several Senatorial Districts be referred to a Select Committee of three with instructions to examine and count the same and report to the Senate where any vacancies or contest exists and if so, in what Senatorial District. Adopted.

President Bradley appointed Senator Carson, Senator Birdsell, and Senator Soucy to serve as the Select Committee to examine the vote totals.

Recess. Out of recess.

SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Carson moved to adopt the report. Adopted.

Recess. Out of recess.

RESOLUTION NO. 4**SALARY AND MILEAGE PAYMENTS**

Senator Carson offered the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the biennium salary of the members of the Senate be paid in one undivided sum as early as practical after adoption of this resolution, and be it further RESOLVED, that the mileage of members of the Senate be paid every two weeks during the session. Adopted.

Without objection, the Clerk is instructed to enter all House Messages into the Senate Journal. Adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: At this point in time, I'm going to recognize each of you for introduction of guests. And first, I think we need to recognize all of the very young participants that we have today. So, starting right there, who would like to introduce those guests? Which Senator?

(The Chair recognized Senator Rosenwald.)

SENATOR ROSENWALD: My entire family is here today, and I don't know if you want me to just introduce the youngest one. Okay, so my daughter-in-law, Kelsey Klementowicz, and her fifteen month old Micah. Yay, Micah. My daughter, Carrie Sorenson, and her husband Dylan Sorenson. Up in the gallery somewhere, I can't see them. But my amazing husband, Peter Klementowicz, and my son Henry Klementowicz, whom some of you know. They are all here today. And if I could for just one second longer, I also have brought a connection to the women who've gone before me in my family. I have brought a handbag of my mother's and a piece of jewelry of my grandmother's. So, they're with me here today in spirit. Thank you, Mister President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Perkins Kwoka.)

SENATOR PERKINS KWOKA: Hi, everyone. I'd like to introduce you to my two little daughters. This is my one and a half year old, Colby Eva, and this is my three year old, Logan Marie. Also with me today, my mom, Paula Perkins, my wife, Caitlin Kwoka, and then my in-laws, Dave and Diane Kwoka, up in the gallery.

(The Chair recognized Senator Fenton.)

SENATOR FENTON: I have, this one with me is Cooper. Say hi. Yeah. I have my other son, Harrison, my wife, Jackie, my good friend Maya, and my mother-in-law, Tracy, and my sister Katie up top.

(The Chair recognized Senator Gendreau)

SENATOR GENDREAU: Thank you, Mister President. I have the privilege and honor of being married to the most wonderful guy in the world. And he accompanied me today. My husband, Bill Gendreau.

(The Chair recognized Senator Lang.)

SENATOR LANG: Thank you, Senator Bradley. So, I'm honored to have my daughter Casey join me today to see me get sworn in, as well as my great friend, Reed Panasiti. The Honorable Reed Panasiti, former State Representative.

(The Chair recognized Senator Prentiss.)

SENATOR PRENTISS: Thank you, Mister President. Oh, I'm honored to bring with me today a group of my closest friends that are family as well as my husband, who most importantly my husband, a retired firefighter paramedic in the city of Lebanon, 30 years of service and he provides, he is the leader of the pack and gives me the support that I need and the room every day to do my work. Sitting next to my husband is my friend Brad Kennedy. And up in the gallery is his wife, Abby. They are family. We were married, my husband and I were married at their home in District 1 in West Bath, New Hampshire in 2006, and they are our closest family friends. I also have, some of you might remember the former Salem fire chief and state fire marshal, another very close friend of mine, Donald Bliss, who is now actually a resident of Hampton, so he's from Debra, Senator Altschiller's district. And then last but not least, my longtime friend and colleague in emergency medical services from Hollis, New Hampshire, Christopher Stawaz.

(The Chair recognized Senator Gray.)

SENATOR GRAY: Thank you, Mister President. First, I would like to introduce my wife. She told me that 7-11-70 was my lucky day and we've been married 52 years now. In addition, I have my three children here, Jennifer Kinville and Jessica Greco. And up in the gallery, Jonathan Gray.

(The Chair recognized Senator Innis.)

SENATOR INNIS: Well, Mister President, my partner, Spencer Wiand was here, seated next to Dr. Ward, but he has left to meet with the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the farm. So, he's a working farmer, just like me, and I'm honored he was here. So, thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Ward.)

SENATOR WARD: Thank you, Mister President. My husband, Fred Ward, is sitting up there and I have to say, without his patience and flexibility, I wouldn't be here. He is very flexible when I have to come home, not come home, call, I'm going to be late. That is worth everything. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Ricciardi.)

SENATOR RICCIARDI: Thank you, Mister President. I am truly honored and blessed to have my husband of thirty years, Giorgio by my side every step of the way and also extremely supportive since I've been on this journey. And I want to introduce three of my great, dear friends up in the gallery. Deborah La Press, Rick Durand, Jennifer Demel who have been also extremely supportive and have meant a lot to me. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Altschiller.)

SENATOR ALTSCHILLER: Thank you, Mister President. I am so, so thrilled to be here and to have my best friend and defender of the First Amendment, Howard Altschiller here with us. I am also pleased to introduce my biggest supporters, Frank O'Connell and Nancy O'Connell and my mother in law, Adele Freitag and my friend Jennifer Walichnowski from Nottingham. And we are all so very thrilled to be here together. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Gannon.)

SENATOR GANNON: Thank you, Mister President. Feels good to say that. I want to introduce my in-laws, Bob and Audrey Hodson, who are, anyone watch Raymond? Sort of a little like that, but nicer. Much nicer. I want to introduce my campaign manager, member of the Penn staff and going to grad school at Penn, my son Billy, who's also, as you know, going to be Governor in about ten or twelve years. But we'll talk about that another time. Billy Gannon. Thank you, Mister President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Abbas.)

SENATOR ABBAS: Thank you, Mister President. I'm here, I want to introduce my wife, Jessica Abbas. I could not do any of this without her support. She's an amazing mother. We have two young children. We didn't have the courage to bring them here today. We have a one-and-a-half year old and a four year old, so we're relaxed. Normally we can do the same, but without her support, I could not do anything without her. And when I'm here late, whether I'm working in my fulltime job or apparently my second fulltime job's here, she's picking up the slack. So, I want to thank her. I also want to introduce my mother, Annette Abbas. She helped raise me to be the fine young man that I am today. Still young, I think, but these are two of the strongest women in the world. And I'm thankful to have in my life. My father's since passed away, so he can't be here today. But I also wear something of his every time I've served in a legislative capacity, I've always worn something that belonged to him. And I continue to do that today. I won't tell you what it is you have to guess. Thank you, Mister President.

(The Chair recognized Senator D'Allesandro.)

SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Mister President. Great to be back. I have two guests here. First, I'd like to introduce my grandson, Anthony Smith. Anthony Smith, the Blue Ear, is a superhero, there is nobody with more courage and stick-to-itiveness than this kid. He's been through the toughest part of life and survived with grace and he's going to do great things. So, Anthony Smith, my grandson. And of course, behind every man there's a woman. I met her when we were freshmen at the University of New Hampshire many, many years ago. We were married in my senior year. We've been together for sixty-one years. We're going into sixty-two. I walked into this hall in December of 1972 as an elected Representative. Fifty years ago, fifty years ago, almost to this day, I stood here, took my oath of office and became a member of the House of Representatives. I couldn't have done any of this or anything without my wife. I must tell you that it hasn't been easy. It hasn't been easy. But through all of it, she was there to support me and to provide stability to the household, to provide leadership to my children, and certainly to provide the way to success. So, without her, none of this would be possible. So, I'd like to introduce my wife, Patricia D'Allesandro.

(The Chair recognized Senator Birdsell.)

SENATOR BIRDSSELL: Thank you, Mister President.

I want to introduce my best friend and my husband, Mark Skelly. Very shy, but again, without him, I would not be where I am. He's taken up the slack with the home and the dog, and I appreciate everything that he's done. And I also have my sister, Marietta Birdsell. She's retired Lieutenant Colonel from the Army. She came up from just outside of Pensacola to be here today. And she has ever since I've been elected to this body. So. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Soucy.)

SENATOR SOUCY: Thank you, Mister President. I'm pleased to introduce to all of you my aunt, Muriel Schadee. Muriel is more like my sister in many ways. My mother's sister. My mother served in the chamber on the other side of the wall. It was how I first came to elected office, serving in the House. And Muriel has been a support that I just can't begin to tell you how much she has done for me and means to me in my life. And I'm so happy that she's here with me today. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Pearl.)

SENATOR PEARL: Still getting used to that. Thank you. I have with me today, the most important person in my life, which is my wife, my best friend, Heather. She's here, and without her, I couldn't be here. She's been new to politics. This is all new to her. We just got married this summer. In fact, we're leaving here and heading on our honeymoon because she was gracious enough to allow us to be married this summer and wait and put our honeymoon off until after the election cycle. So, I was very appreciative of that. And without her support and love, and I just couldn't do this. Additionally, I had five of my siblings. I have, there's seven of us, and five were able to make it today. They did duck out. I'm pretty sure dad was whispering in their ear that there's work to be done on the farm and they needed to run. So, they were here and one of my nieces were. But Betty, Jenny, Marilyn, Bill, and Pat were here. And I have one other sister who was going to be here, but she fell ill this morning, and her grandson did, actually. She wanted to play it safe, and so she decided not to attend. But without all of them and certainly all the friends and extended family, there's a whole tribe of us when we all get together. But I couldn't be here. I couldn't do what I do. And they take care and cover for me on the farm when I need to be here. And I'm very appreciative to all of this. So, I look forward to serving with all of you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Murphy.)

SENATOR MURPHY: Thanks Mister President. Little feedback. I just want to recognize Miss Michelle Brown. Michelle wanted to be here today, but she wasn't able to be here because she is off doing the job that requires running restaurants in my absence. Without her, I definitely could not be here. She's currently running companies that employ 75 people, and without her, I'd be lost. And so, I thank her from a distance. I know she's watching right now, and I appreciate all of her help and support. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Whitley.)

SENATOR WHITLEY: Thank you, Mister President. So, I am very honored today to be joined by the foundation for everything that I do. The first is my husband, Stephen Whitley, my son, Jackson Whitley, who is on the floor with us and behaving so beautifully. I'm so proud of him. He's a big kid now. And I'm also joined up in the gallery by my mother, Cynthia Garland, my uncle, Dr. Eric Johnson, now of Manchester, my sister, Abby Garland, and my beautiful niece, Lila Garland.

(The Chair recognized Senator Carson.)

SENATOR CARSON: Thank you, Mister President. You were exactly correct when you talked about how we cannot do the things that we do without the support of our families. And this morning, I brought my husband, Greg here. He has been my biggest supporter during my time here, as well as my sounding board and as well as my best friend. And I can't think of a better way to honor him and the sacrifices that he's made so I can be here. I'd also like to say hello to my daughter, Alicia. She's home. She's listening to the livestream. And my daughter, Deirdre, who is off somewhere serving her country. So again, I would like to thank them all. Thank you very much.

(The Chair recognized Senator Avard.)

SENATOR AVARD: Thank you, Mister President. I don't have anybody here, but, because my wife is working and she's holding the fort, and I definitely cannot do anything without her. She is my best friend, and she is my greatest supporter, and I love her dearly. Thank you, Mister President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Chandley.)

SENATOR CHANDLEY: Thank you, Mister President. I am, I'd like to thank and to introduce my wonderful and amazing daughter, Elizabeth Sylvia Chandley. She's one of my four children who have all been super supportive, and I'm grateful that she's able to join us here today. I'd also like to acknowledge the help of my entire family, including my husband Tom, who's not here with us today. And as representative of my extended family, I'd like to introduce my sister, Christine Fish, and my wonderful brother-in-law David Fish. So, thank you very much, Mister President.

Recess. Out of recess.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: The House is organizing as we speak. It's going to be a little while. So there are sandwiches and refreshments in room 100 downstairs, okay. So I would ask members, not so much family and friends, but members to stay close so that when they're done we can reconvene because we will line up here to go into the House Chamber and participate in the election of the Treasurer and Secretary of State so please don't go far.

Recess. Out of recess.

HOUSE MESSAGE

Mister President:

The House of Representatives has organized and elected its officers:

Speaker of the House: Sherman Packard

Clerk of the House: Paul C. Smith

Sergeant-at-Arms: J.B. Cullen

HOUSE MESSAGE

Mister President:

The House of Representatives 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5
JOINT CONVENTION**

Senator Carson offered the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Senate meet in Joint Convention with the House of Representatives for the purpose of electing the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer. Adopted.

Recess to meet in Joint Convention. Out of recess.

ADJOURNMENT FROM THE EARLY SESSION

Senator Carson moved that the Senate now adjourn from the Early Session, that the business of the Late Session be in order at the present time; and that when we adjourn, we adjourn to Wednesday, January 4, 2023. Adopted. Adjourned from the Early Session.

LATE SESSION

Without objection all personal privileges or unanimous consent (other remarks) shall be entered into the permanent *Journal of the Senate*. (Rule 2-16 and Rule 2-17). Adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Carson moved that the Senate, having organized and completed its business for the day, adjourn to Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

Adopted. The Senate is adjourned to Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

SENATE CLERK'S NOTE

The original Daily Journal did not have a copy of the full Senate Rules that were adopted for the 2023-2024 Senate session.

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12/07/2022

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PART ONE**DUTIES OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT**

1-1 Determination of Quorum; Correction of Journal - The President, having taken the chair, shall determine a quorum to be present. Any erroneous entry in the daily journal shall be corrected no later than the third succeeding legislative day, and the permanent journal corrected within one week after the permanent journal copy is placed in the hands of the Senate or a Clerk's note written in the daily or the permanent journal.

1-2 Members, Conduct When Speaking - Any member, wishing to speak, shall notify the President. When recognized to speak, the member shall rise and address the President, and when finished shall then sit down.

1-3 Members Not to Speak More Than Twice - No member shall speak more than twice on the same question on the same day without leave of the Senate President.

1-4 President Shall Recognize Whom - When more than one member wishes to speak at the same time, the President shall decide who shall speak first.

1-5 Questions of Order, Appeal - The President shall preserve decorum and order. If any member transgresses the rules of the Senate, the President shall, or any member may, call said member to order in which case the member so called to order shall immediately cease and desist, and the Senate, if appealed to, shall decide the case. But if there is no appeal, the decision of the President shall be conclusive.

1-6 Galleries, Clearing of - In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery, the President shall have the power to order the same to be cleared. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may restrict attendance to the duly elected Senators.

1-7 President to Sign Bills, etc - All warrants, subpoenas and other processes issued by order of the Senate shall be under the hand and seal of the President attested by the Clerk.

1-8 President May Name Member to Chair - The President when performing the duties of the Chair may, at any time, name any member to perform the duties of the Chair.

PART TWO**THE SENATE SESSION****DECORUM**

2-1 Absence of Members from Session - No member shall absent himself or herself without permission from the Senate.

2-2 Decorum While Another is Speaking - No member shall hold conversation with another while a member is speaking in debate.

2-3 Use of Electronic Devices - The use of electronic devices, with the exception of Senate-issued devices and devices used by members of the media, is prohibited on the Senate floor during session, unless the Senate is in recess or unless otherwise approved by the Senate.

2-4 Recording and Broadcast Devices During Recess - All recording and broadcast devices used on the Senate floor shall be paused or otherwise prevented from recording or broadcasting audio or video of members or staff while the Senate is in recess.

DEBATE

2-10 Motions - Motions during debate shall be considered according to the provisions of Table I, with said motions listed in order of decreasing precedence.

2-11 Limitations on Renewal of Motions - No motion to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain day or time, or to refer (or rerefer, if applicable), being decided, shall be in order at the same stage of the bill or resolution, until after adjournment.

2-12 No Substitution under Color of Amendment. - No new motion shall be admitted under color of amendment as a substitute for the motion under debate.

2-13 Reconsideration Restrictions - No vote shall be reconsidered unless the motion for reconsideration is made by a member who voted with the prevailing side and, if the vote applied to a bill or resolution, the bill or resolution to which the vote applied is in the possession of the Senate. Any request for reconsideration of a bill or resolution subject to a deadline established by Senate rules not acted on by said deadline shall be null and void.

2-14 Reconsideration Process - Reconsideration shall only be made in one of the following manners:

- (a) A motion to reconsider shall be made in open session prior to adjournment from the early session on the same day on which the vote to be reconsidered was taken, in which case, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, the reconsideration vote shall be taken up immediately, or
- (b) A signed notice of reconsideration, by a member who voted with the prevailing side, shall be provided to the Clerk, on a form prescribed by the Clerk, within two business days of the taking of the vote to be reconsidered, in which case, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, any reconsiderations shall be the first order of business on the next legislative day.

2-15 Division of the Question - Any member may call for the division of the question and when the sense will admit it, as determined by the President, the question shall be divided.

Table I - Motions**Privileged Motions**

Motion	Debatable	Amendable	Notes
Adjourn	No	Yes	Amendments limited to the time to which to adjourn.
Recess	No	Yes	Amendments limited to length of the recess.

Incidental Motions (all become main motions if made when no question is pending or when not related to the business at hand)

Motion	Debatable	Amendable	Notes
Appeal	Yes	No	Debate limited to the specific decision of presiding officer from which appeal is made. Presiding officer is allowed to speak. The question to be put is, "Shall the decision of the president stand?" A tie vote also sustains the chair's ruling.
Point of Order	No	No	Calls attention to a violation of rules or order. May be raised when another member is speaking. Not technically a motion, but the presiding officer could submit the question to the Senate, at which point it becomes a motion open for debate, but not amendment.
Parliamentary Inquiry		No	Requests information from the presiding officer about parliamentary procedure or Senate rules. May be raised when another member is speaking only if it requires immediate attention. Not technically a motion.
Object to Reading of Papers		No	Reading from documents as part of a speech is generally allowed as a courtesy, provided the papers are relevant, short and not used as a delaying tactic. Any member may object during the reading, however, and the body decides whether permission to read is granted.
Suspend the Rules	No	No	Requires a 2/3 vote. See Rule 6-6

Subsidiary Motions

Motion	Debatable	Amendable	Notes
Lay Upon the Table	No	No	May be applied to a main motion with other pending motions, in which case the main motion, along with all pending motions, is laid on the table.
Previous Question	No	No	If not otherwise specified, ends debate and calls for a vote on the immediately pending question. May be used to end debate and call for votes on all pending questions.
Postpone to a Certain Day or Time	Yes	Yes	Merits of the main question must not be referred to any more than is necessary to enable the Senate to determine the propriety of postponement.

Refer (or Rerefer)	Yes	Yes	Debatable only as to the propriety of a referral. Amendments limited to the committee to which the matter will be referred and any instructions thereto.
Amend	Yes	Yes	
Postpone Indefinitely	Yes	No	Opens the main question for debate, since it involves the final disposition of the question. No part of a bill or resolution postponed indefinitely shall be acted on in any way (bill, amendment, resolution, conference report, etc.) for the rest of the biennium.

Main Motions (can only have one main motion before the Senate at a time)

Motion	Debatable	Amendable	Notes
Committee Reports	Yes	Yes	See Rule 4-2
Bills Amended by the House	Yes	No	See Rule 3-22
Take From Table	No	No	
Special Order	No	No	Moves consideration of a future scheduled or currently scheduled item to another time by a simple majority vote.
Reconsider	Yes	No	Debatable to the extent the question being reconsidered is debatable. If so, it opens up the original question for debate.
Vacate	Yes	No	Brings an item back from committee and puts it before the entire Senate.

2-16 Personal privilege - A Senator may, as a matter of personal privilege, defend his/her position on a bill or resolution, his/her integrity, his/her record, or his/her conduct, against unfair or unwarranted criticism, or may speak of an issue which relates to his/her rights, privileges or conveniences as a Senator; provided, however, the matters raised under personal privilege shall not be subject to questioning, answer, or debate, by another Senator. Personal Privilege remarks may be included in the Daily Journal if requested by the Senator, and in the Permanent Journal by vote of the Senate.

2-17 Other Remarks (Unanimous Consent) - A Senator may, when granted leave by the Senate, speak on other matters of his/her choosing and in such cases may be subject to questioning and/or answer according to the Rules of the Senate. These remarks may be included in the Daily Journal if requested by the Senator, and in the Permanent Journal by vote of the Senate.

VOTING

2-20 General Rules on Voting - All questions shall be put by the President, and no member who was absent when the question was put shall be required to vote.

2-21 Abstaining from a Vote - No member who was present when the question was put shall abstain from voting unless by reason of a conflict pursuant to Rule 6-25 or unless excused by the Senate for a special reason.

2-22 Voice Vote - When the question has been put, each member present shall signify assent or dissent by voting yea or nay.

2-23 Division Vote - If the President doubts or a division is called for, the Senate shall divide. Those in the affirmative on the question shall first rise from their seats and stand until they be counted. They shall then be seated and those in the negative on the question shall rise from their seats and stand until they be counted. The President shall rise and state the decision of the Senate.

2-24 Recorded Voice or Division Vote - Any member may, following a voice or division vote, have his or her vote recorded in the Journal by providing a signed notice of said vote to the Clerk, on a form prescribed by the Clerk, within two business days of the taking of said vote.

2-25 Roll Call Vote - When the yeas and nays have been moved by a member and duly seconded by another member, each member present shall declare assent or dissent to the question. The names of the persons so making the motion and the second shall be recorded in the Journal. The President shall determine the order of the roll call.

MISCELLANEOUS

2-30 Visitors to the Senate - No person except members of the Senate and its officers, the Governor, Council members, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and its officers and clerks, shall be admitted to the floor of the Senate while the Senate is in session, except by the invitation of the President, or some member with the President's consent.

2-31 Hours of meeting - The Senate shall adjourn to meet on the subsequent legislative day for the early session at the time mentioned in the adjournment motion. The late session shall immediately follow the early session unless the Senate shall otherwise order.

2-32 Introduction of Petitions - Before any petition shall be received and read, a brief statement of the contents thereof shall be made by the member introducing the same.

2-33 Remote Participation in Senate Session - Upon the vote of two-thirds of members present and voting, a member may participate in a Senate session from a remote location by electronic or other means that ensures that the member participating remotely is able to simultaneously see and hear each of the other members of the Senate speak during the session. The member participating remotely shall identify his or her location and identify all persons present in the location from which the member is participating. The member's participation shall be audible to the public watching the Senate's livestream. No roll call shall be required unless moved and seconded pursuant to Rule 2-25. A quorum of the Senate shall be present in the chamber at all times. This rule shall expire at the end of the 2024 legislative session.

PART THREE

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

DRAFTING

3-1 Office of Legislative Services to Prepare Items - All petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the Senate and all bills and resolutions to be introduced in the Senate except those procedural and rules resolutions prepared by the Clerk, shall be delivered or caused to be delivered to the Office of Legislative Services, who shall prepare the items in proper form and present them to the sponsor(s) for signature and then to the Clerk.

3-2 Marking and Numbering Bills and Resolutions - Every bill and resolution, except those procedural and rules resolutions prepared by the Clerk, shall be numbered serially according to the type of bill or resolution. Each bill shall be marked on the first page "Senate Bill"; each joint resolution shall be marked "Senate Joint Resolution"; each concurrent resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall be marked "Concurrent Resolution Proposing a Constitutional Amendment"; each concurrent resolution shall be marked "Senate Concurrent Resolution";, and each senate resolution shall be marked "Senate Resolution".

3-3 Confidential Filing Requests - If requested by the sponsor, a proposed bill, resolution or petition shall not be made public, except by the sponsor, until introduced into the Senate.

3-4 Draft Provided to Legislative Budget Assistant - If a drafting request for a bill or resolution has been filed with the Office of Legislative Services requiring a fiscal note as provided in RSA 14:44-47, the substance or a draft of the proposal may be provided to the Legislative Budget Assistant for preparation of the required fiscal note without the specific consent of the sponsor of the proposal, provided that the identity of the sponsor shall not be disclosed.

3-5 Drafting Requests After Deadline - Notwithstanding the drafting deadline established in Rule 7-1, a Senate bill, Senate joint resolution, or Senate concurrent resolution may be accepted by the Office of Legislative Services for drafting and introduced into the Senate at any time prior to the crossover deadline established by Senate rules if the drafting request is approved by a majority of the Rules and Enrolled Bills Committee.

POST-DRAFTING PROCESS

3-10 Reading of Bills and Resolutions - Every bill or resolution, except senate resolutions and those procedural and rules resolutions prepared by the Clerk, shall have three readings in the Senate previous to its passage. The first and second readings shall be by title only which may be accomplished by a conglomerate resolution, after which the bill or resolution shall be referred by the President to the appropriate committee and shall be printed as provided in Rule 3-11, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate. No bill or resolution after it has been read a second time shall have a third reading until after adjournment from the early session. The time assigned for the third reading of bills and resolutions shall be in the late session unless otherwise ordered by the Senate. The orders of the day for the reading of bills or resolutions shall hold for every succeeding day until disposed of.

3-11 Printing and Distribution - After every bill or resolution shall have been read a second time, and referred by the President to the appropriate committee, the Clerk shall procure a sufficient number of copies, printed on paper of uniform size, for the use of the legislature, and cause the same to be distributed to the members, and when printed the bill or resolution shall be immediately delivered to the committee to which it shall have been referred. Bills and resolutions received from the House shall be printed at the same stage of their procedure unless they have been printed in the House and copies distributed in the Senate, in which case any amendment made by the House shall be duplicated and distributed in the Senate.

3-12 Administrative Tasks During Adjournment - During any recess or adjournment the President may receive bills and resolutions for printing and for reference to committee, provided that no bill or resolution shall have a public hearing until it is formally introduced into the Senate, printed and available for distribution.

AMENDMENTS

3-15 Amendments Only on Second Reading - No amendment shall be made but upon the second reading of a bill or resolution; and all such amendments shall be in writing, with the name of the Senator and the district he or she represents, or in the case of a committee amendment the name of the committee that recommended it, thereon.

3-16 Review of Amendments by Office of Legislative Services - Amendments shall have been reviewed by the Office of Legislative Services for form, construction, statutory and chapter reference.

3-17 Non-Germane Amendments Prohibited - No amendment to any bill or resolution shall be allowed except it be germane. For the purposes of this rule, an amendment to a bill or resolution is germane if the subject matter of the amendment is the same as that of some

portion of the bill or resolution. The prohibition on non-germane amendments shall not apply in the case of a bill or resolution previously found ought-to-pass by the Senate being added to a subsequent bill or resolution or if the House does not pass a budget, an amendment to a house bill, proposed by the Committee on Finance, establishing a general appropriations (budget) bill or trailer bill.

GENERAL RULES ON BILLS

3-20 Resolutions Treated as Bills - All resolutions which may require the signature of the Governor shall be treated in the same manner as bills.

3-21 Prohibition in Second-Year Session - No bill or resolution the subject matter of which has been indefinitely postponed or made inexpedient to legislate in the Senate in the first-year session shall be admitted into the second-year session whether as a bill, an amendment, a committee of conference report or in any other manner.

3-22 Bills Amended by the House - Any bill or resolution returned from the House with an amendment shall not be referred to committee but shall have one of the following recommendations considered by the full Senate: Concur, Nonconcur, Nonconcur and Request a Committee of Conference. Adoption of a motion to Nonconcur kills the bill or resolution.

3-23 Bills or Resolutions Laid on the Table - All bills or resolutions remaining on the table upon adjournment of the first-year and at the end of session shall be made Inexpedient to Legislate at that time.

3-24 Reports on Budget Bills - Senate action on a report of the Committee on Finance on either the general appropriations (budget) bill or the capital budget bill shall not be taken by the Senate until said report has been available from the Senate Clerk twenty-four hours in advance, in written form. Footnotes to such bills (except footnotes in explanation of the principal text of such bills or designating the use or restriction of any funds or portions thereof) shall not be allowed.

3-25 Chapter Study Committees - Any bill or resolution creating a chapter study committee shall have membership limited to members of the General Court.

3-26 Types of Resolutions Allowed - The only resolutions that may be introduced into the Senate are: resolutions seeking an advisory opinion of the supreme court under the New Hampshire Constitution; joint resolutions sponsored by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules; resolutions ratifying amendments to the U.S. Constitution; resolutions proposing amendment of the New Hampshire Constitution; procedural and rules resolutions prepared by the Clerk; concurrent resolutions for the purpose of joint rules; joint resolutions for the purpose of continuing resolutions; and concurrent resolutions to declare the office of Governor vacant by Pt. II, Art. 49-a. All other resolutions shall require a vote of two-thirds of members present and voting to be introduced for consideration by the body pursuant to Senate Rule 6-6. The vote on the question of whether to introduce the resolution for consideration by the body is non-debatable.

PART FOUR**COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES**

4-1 Public Hearings - A hearing shall be held upon each bill or resolution referred to a committee, and notice of such hearing shall be advertised at least 4 days before such hearing in the Senate Calendar. The Senate Calendar shall be available on the Internet for viewing as soon as it has been released for printing.

4-2 Committee Reports - All bills and resolutions in the possession of committees shall be reported out with one of the following recommendations: ought to pass, ought to pass with amendment, rerefer to committee, inexpedient to legislate, or refer for interim study. Rerefer to committee shall be a committee report only in the first year session and all such rereferred bills or resolutions shall be acted on by the fourth legislative day of the second year session. Refer for interim study shall be a committee report only in the second year session.

4-3 Tie Vote in Committee - In the event a committee is unable to reach a majority vote in favor of any recommendation, the bill or resolution shall be reported out of committee with no recommendation.

4-4 Amendments by Committee - When a bill or resolution is reported favorably with an amendment, the report of the committee shall state the amendment, and then recite the section of the bill or resolution in full as amended. The amendment shall be printed in the senate calendar on the date that the report is listed for action. If no action is taken on that day, then the amendment shall be printed on the day to which the bill or resolution has been referred. All bills and resolutions reported shall be retained by the Clerk and shall not be finally acted upon until the following legislative day, and a list of such bills and resolutions with the report of the committee thereon shall be published in the senate calendar for the day on which action shall be taken.

4-5 Referral to Finance Committee - Every bill and joint resolution appropriating money, and every other bill which is accompanied by a fiscal note pursuant to RSA 14:44, which has been referred to another committee and found ought-to-pass by the Senate, shall be referred to the Finance Committee for review, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate upon recommendation of the chair of the Finance Committee. Notwithstanding Senate Rule 4-1, a public hearing for any such bill or resolution shall not be required if a public hearing for the bill or resolution was previously held by another committee.

4-6 Committee Appointments - On all committees of the Senate, including Senate conference committees, both parties shall be represented. The President shall appoint the members of all committees after consultation with the minority leader.

4-7 Standing Committees - The standing committees of the Senate shall be as follows: the Committee on Capital Budget, the Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Education, the Committee on Election Law and Municipal Affairs, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration, the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Health and Human Services, the Committee on Judiciary, the Committee on Rules and Enrolled Bills, the Committee on Transportation, and the Committee on Ways and Means.

4-8 Committee Reports and Meetings - The committees shall promptly consider and report on all matters referred to them. The President may authorize such committees having a heavy load of investigation, re-drafting, research or amendments to meet as needed on non legislative days during the legislative session.

PART FIVE**COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE****GENERAL RULES ON COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE**

5-1 Formation of Committees of Conference - Whenever there is any disagreement between the Senate and the House on the content of any bill or resolution, and whenever both bodies, voting separately, have agreed to establish a committee of conference, the President of the Senate shall appoint three members to the Senate committee of conference on the bill or resolution and the Speaker of the House shall appoint four members to the House committee of conference.

5-2 Exceptions to Number of Members - Notwithstanding Rule 5-1, the House committee of conference on the operating budget shall consist of five members and the number of members of any committee of conference may increase or decrease if the President and the Speaker both agree.

5-3 Replacement of Members - Notwithstanding Rule 4-6, the President may replace any member of a Senate committee of conference who asks to be replaced or who is unwilling or unable to support a proposed conference committee report.

5-4 Operation of Committees of Conference - The two committees of conference on a bill or resolution shall meet jointly but vote separately while in conference. A unanimous vote by both committees of conference shall be necessary for an agreed report to the Senate and the House by the committees of conference.

5-5 Chairperson of Committees of Conference - The first-named person on a Senate committee of conference shall chair the committee. The chair of the committee of conference of the body where the bill or resolution originated shall chair the joint meeting of the committees of conference and shall have the authority to call the time and place for their first meeting.

5-6 Bill Sponsor Granted a Hearing - The prime sponsor of any bill or resolution referred to committees of conference shall, upon his or her request, be granted a hearing before said committees prior to action thereon.

PROHIBITIONS

5-10 Title Change Prohibited - A committee of conference shall not change the title of the bill or resolution submitted to it.

5-11 Non-Germane Amendments Prohibited - A committee of conference shall not add to the bill or resolution submitted to it any amendment that is non-germane to either the House- or Senate-passed version of the bill or resolution. For the purposes of this rule, the criteria for determining germaneness, as described in Rule 3-17 shall apply.

5-12 Indefinitely Postponed Items Prohibited - A committee of conference shall not add to the bill or resolution submitted to it any measure that was indefinitely postponed in either body.

ACTIONS

5-15 Action on Committee of Conference Reports - No action shall be taken by the Senate on any committee of conference report earlier than some subsequent day to the filing of the report, and after the report has been placed on a member's desk.

5-16 Committees of Conference on Budget Bills - The report of the committee of conference on either the general appropriation bill or the capital improvements bill shall be printed in the journal or a supplement thereto, and shall be available for at least 24 hours in written form, before action on said report is taken on the floor. Footnotes to such bills (except footnotes in explanation of the principal text of such bills or designating the use or restriction of any funds or portions thereof) shall not be allowed.

PART SIX

OTHER RULES

SENATE STAFF

6-1 Composition and Duties - The staff of the Senate shall be comprised of:

- (1) A Clerk, who shall be elected by the Senate;
- (2) Clerk's office staff, who shall be nominated by the Clerk and appointed by the President; and
- (3) Such other personnel as the President shall appoint.

The President shall define the duties of all members of the Senate staff which are not fixed by statute or otherwise ordered by the Senate.

6-2 Days of Employment - Each member of the staff of the Senate shall be available on call to carry out the work of the Senate.

6-3 Requisition Approval Required - No officer or employee of the Senate during the session or any adjournment thereof shall purchase or contract for the purchase, pay, or promise to pay any sum of money on behalf of the Senate or issue any requisition or manifest without the approval of the Senate President.

SENATE RULES

6-5 Amending Rules - Any rule of the Senate may be amended by majority vote during the first five legislative days of the first-year session, after which a two-thirds majority shall be required.

6-6 Suspending Rules - No standing rule of the Senate shall be suspended unless two-thirds of the members present and voting vote in favor thereof.

6-7 Rescinding Rules - No rule shall be rescinded unless two days notice of the motion has been given and two-thirds of those present and voting vote therefore.

MESSAGES

6-10 Messages Sent to House - Messages shall be sent to the House of Representatives by the Clerk of the Senate.

6-11 Messages, When Received - Messages from the Governor or House of Representatives may be received at all times, except when the Senate is engaged in putting the question, in calling the yeas and nays, or in counting the ballots.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6-20 Consent Calendar - The Senate Calendar may have a Consent Calendar section containing reports on bills and resolutions believed to be non-controversial.

6-21 Conditions for Inclusion - No bill or resolution shall appear on the Consent Calendar unless all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) All members of the committee to which the bill or resolution was referred vote in favor of the final committee recommendation in executive session.
- (b) All members of the committee to which the bill or resolution was referred vote in favor of placing it on the Consent Calendar.
- (c) A short explanation of the committee's recommendation, approved by the member of the committee who is reporting the bill, appears with the bill or resolution in the Consent Calendar.

6-22 Prohibitions - The following items shall not appear on the Consent Calendar:

- (a) Bills or resolutions recommended for passage by the Committee on Finance
- (b) Constitutional amendment concurrent resolutions
- (c) Committee of conference reports

6-23 Removal - Any member may request removal of any bill or resolution listed on the Consent Calendar. Any item removed from the Consent Calendar shall be taken up at the conclusion of the Regular Calendar. All items remaining on the Consent Calendar shall be acted upon without debate.

MISCELLANEOUS

6-25 Conflict of Interest - In all instances every member shall act in conformance with the duly adopted Ethical Guidelines and Opinions of the New Hampshire General Court.

6-26 Requests to the Legislative Budget Assistant - Any Senate member may make a request of the Office of the Legislative Budget Assistant Budget Division, for technical staff assistance in the areas of finance, accounting and budgeting. The Budget Division may respond to that request when doing so will not interfere with the Budget Division's principal responsibilities as outlined in RSA 14:31-b, as determined by the Legislative Budget Assistant.

6-27 Committee of the Whole - The Senate may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole at any time on motion made for that purpose; and in forming a Committee of the Whole; the President shall leave the chair, and appoint a chairperson to preside in committee.

PART SEVEN

DEADLINES

7-1 Deadlines. *After conferring with the Minority Leader, the deadlines may be reasonably amended at the discretion of the Senate President, to be timely noticed on the General Court website.*

- (a) Monday, December 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. – Deadline for the Office of Legislative Services to accept drafting of a Senate Bill, Senate Concurrent Resolution, or Senate Joint Resolution with complete information for the 2023 Session.
- (b) Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. – Deadline for prime sponsors to sign off on legislation.
- (c) Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. – Deadline for co-sponsors to sign off on legislation.

- (d) Monday, February 27, 2023 – Friday, March 03, 2023: SENATE BREAK.
- (e) Thursday, March 09, 2023 – Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
- (f) Thursday, March 30, 2023 – CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.
- (g) Thursday, May 18, 2023 – Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
- (h) Thursday, June 08, 2023 – Deadline to ACT on all House bills.
- (i) Thursday, June 15, 2023 – Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.
- (j) Thursday, June 22, 2023 – Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.
- (k) Thursday, June 29, 2023 – Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.