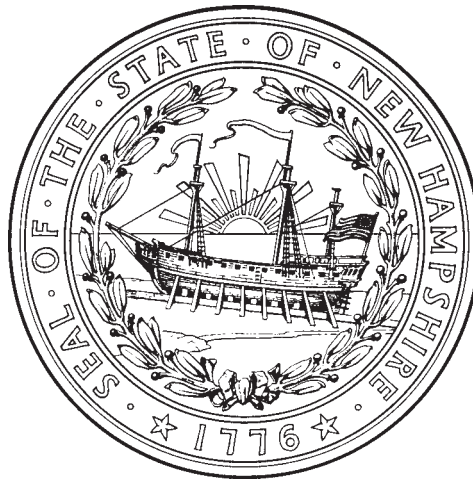


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CONVENING DAY

The Senate convened at 10:00 a.m., a quorum being present.

The Reverend Canon Charles Lafond, chaplain to the Senate, offered the following meditation and prayer:

Well, here we sit in another winter storm, and the sky is dark and in many religious traditions winter is a time to celebrate light. And you might know that the word “disaster,” people are saying we’re in an economic disaster, and the word “disaster” comes from “dis-astron,” to be without a star. It comes from the story of Bethlehem and the manger. And they were not “dis-astron,” and neither are we. We have light. And our job together as leaders, and as people, is to search our hearts and our tradition for whatever light is there and to follow it, lead where it may, and cost what it will. Let us pray:

O God, by the leading of a star you light the way for the peoples of the earth. Lead this Senate in these dark economic times from fear to grace, from darkness to light, and from individualism to deep community.

Amen

Sen. Reynolds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Senators Carson and Fuller Clark are excused from today’s session.)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE STAFF

NOMINATIONS FOR SENATE DOORKEEPER

President Larsen asked for nominations for Senate Doorkeeper.

Sen. Hassan nominated David Bonner as Senate Doorkeeper.

Sen. Bragdon seconded the nomination.

Nomination adopted.

The Honorable David Bonner was elected Doorkeeper of the New Hampshire Senate.

OATH OF SENATE DOORKEEPER

President Larsen duly administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Doorkeeper of the New Hampshire Senate:

PRESIDENT LARSEN: Please raise your right hand and where appropriate state your name and repeat after me:

I, David Bonner, 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 Constitutions thereof. So help me God.

I, David Bonner, do solemnly and sincerely swear and affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Doorkeeper, 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.

HOUSE MESSAGE

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

RESOLUTION

Sen. Hassan moved that the Senate meet in Joint Convention for the purpose of canvassing votes for Governor and Executive Council.

Resolution adopted.

The Senate recessed for the purpose of meeting in Joint Convention with the House of Representatives.

Recess/Out of Recess.

ADJOURNMENT FROM EARLY SESSION

Sen. Hassan moved that the Senate now adjourn from the Early Session and that the business of the Late Session be in order at the present time, and when we adjourn, we adjourn to Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Motion adopted.

Adjournment from the Early Session.

LATE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENATOR LETOURNEAU (Rule 44): Thank you, Madam President. It's with deep regret and sadness that I report that Derry and the State of New Hampshire indeed has lost a fine citizen, a friend, and a fellow Representative: John Langone passed away over the weekend. He had served in the New Hampshire House for four terms, and in addition to that I think he served on every single board that Derry had available. The man was a fine public servant, but regret our report his passing. Thank you.

(President Larsen, without objection, noted that all Rule 44's are to be entered into the permanent record.)

SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO (Rule 44): Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, some in the body may remember Major Wheelock who was superintendent of New Hampshire Hospital for a number of years, also served in the Governor's Office as his budget person. There was a tragedy in Major's family just a few days ago. His daughter passed away. She was a resident of Goffstown, passed away very, very suddenly and very unexpectedly. She was 41 years of age, and passed away as her husband was driving her to the hospital, a very, very unexpected situation. So those of you who remember Major, remember his service to the State, not only as superintendent of the Hospital, but as I say, Major compiled the first directory of state services while he was working for Governor Peterson. He was on loan from the Office of Management and Budget from the federal government, and then decided to stay here. But the first directory of federal services, uh, state services was produced by Major when he was in the Governor's Office. A great public servant. There's an award that is named for Major and given every year for people who are very involved in social services. So those of you who remember Major, I certainly think he would appreciate a card or at least a call or something of that nature. Thank you, Madam President.

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS ADJOURNMENT FROM LATE SESSION

Sen. Hassan moved that the Senate adjourn to Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion adopted.

The Senate adjourned to Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 11 a.m.