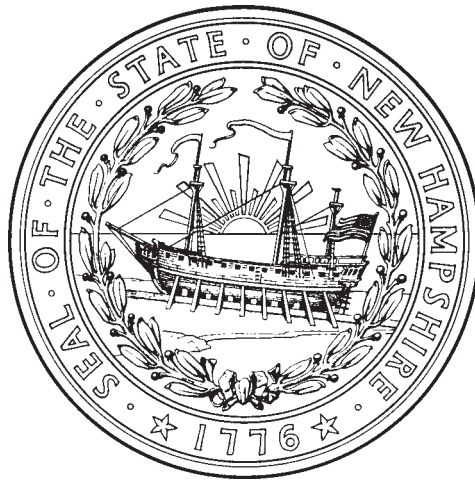


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The Senate was called to order at 11 a.m., with a quorum present.

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

Good morning. The word "inauguration" comes from the word "inauguratio," a word used in the medieval church, actually, to consecrate bishops. And its definition was "to consecrate or install under good omens when the flights of birds are favorable." With the possible exception of the groundhog, we've made some progress and some strides from superstition to civic leadership in the last 500 years, and this historic Senate is proof of that progress. Today you begin a new year of vanguard leadership, easing the burden of the over-burdened. Look not to the birds for omens, but to your hearts, your souls, and your God. Let us pray:

God of all mercy, on this Inauguration Day of a new year, so guide our hearts and minds that we may make wise decisions with good counsel; so that suffering may be reduced, peace may be increased, and this beautiful state may shine as a beacon of snow-capped beauty in dark times. Amen

Sen. Denley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

CONTINUED INTRODUCTION OF SENATE STAFF

RESOLUTION

Sen. Reynolds offered the following resolution: *RESOLVED, that the changes to the Rules of the 2009-2010 Senate Rules be adopted, which have been provided here today.*

Resolution adopted.

Recess/Out of Recess.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The Clerk read the following House Message: *The House of Representatives is ready to meet with the Honorable Senate in Joint Convention for the purpose of hearing the report of the Joint Committee appointed to compare and count the votes for Governor and Councilors, for the Inauguration of Governor-elect, the Honorable John H. Lynch, and for the taking of the oath by the Executive Council.*

RESOLUTION

Sen. Hassan offered the following resolution: *RESOLVED, that the Senate meet in Joint Convention for the purpose of hearing the report of the Joint Committee appointed to compare and count the votes for Governor and Executive Council, for the Inauguration of the Governor, the Honorable John H. Lynch, and for the taking of the oath by the Executive Council.*

Resolution adopted.

In Recess for Joint Convention.

Out of Recess.

(Sen. Carson now in attendance.)

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.

Motion adopted.

Adjournment from the Early Session.

LATE SESSION

Sen. Hassan moved that the business of the day being completed, that the Senate recess to the call of the Chair for the purposes of introducing legislation, referring bills to committee and scheduling hearings, and when we recess, we recess to the call of the Chair.

Motion adopted.

The Senate is in recess to the call of the Chair.