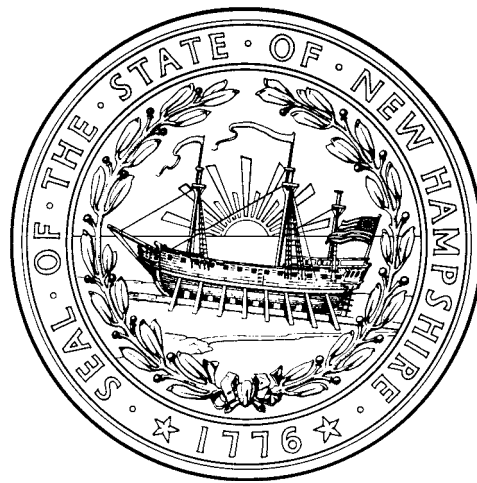


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INAUGURATION DAY

The Senate convened at 11 a.m., a quorum being present.

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

In the Christian church calendar, today is the feast of the Epiphany. It's the day we all take down our Christmas trees, if you haven't already done so; I'm going to keep mine up for two more weeks, 'cause it's cute.

In the tradition from which I come, a star leads one to the child in the manger. But, what I love most about the story of the three wise men following that star to Bethlehem is that they do so in the midst of this political upheaval and political danger: King Herod is trying to find this child to destroy it for his own political advancement, and the wise men sense that they are being manipulated.

At the end of the story of the star over Bethlehem is this tiny little comment that we often throw away: "And they went home a different way." It's a great little comment.

When we meet truth, wherever it is – in a child, or in a conversation, in person, in a Senate chamber, in your kitchen—we have a choice; we either pretend not to see it, or we, too, must find, having been unalterably changed, a new way home. Change is the companion of humility. Let us pray.

God of all truth, as we begin new work, break open our hearts and warm them to the humility which allows for change in the face of truth, and not just change for the sake of change. Grant us wisdom of the sages of old as we chart new courses, encounter new guiding lights, and go home a different way. Amen.

Sen. Bradley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sen. Forsythe is excused from today's session.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Sen. Houde introduced and welcomed Matthew Geason, a student from Hanover High School who is serving as a Senate Page for today's session.

President Bragdon introduced and welcomed Sarena Patel and Jonna Gath, students from Milford High School who are serving as Senate Pages for today's session.

Recess. Out of recess.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Executive Council, for the inauguration of the Governor, and the taking of the oath by the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Sen. Bradley 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.

Adopted.

Recess. Out of recess.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM EARLY SESSION

Sen. Bradley moved that the Senate now adjourn from the Early Session, that the business of the Late Session be in order at the present time.

Adopted.

Adjournment from the Early Session.

LATE SESSION**ADJOURNMENT FROM LATE SESSION**

Sen. Bradley 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, scheduling hearings, and sending and receiving messages, and when we recess, we recess to the call of the Chair.

Adopted.

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