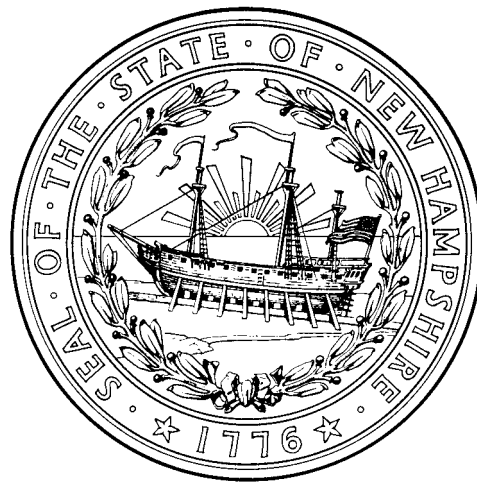


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## SENATE JOURNAL

**CONVENING DAY – JANUARY 4, 2017 SESSION**

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## CONVENING DAY

President Pro Tempore Carson presiding.

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

The Reverend Jon Hopkins, chaplain to the Senate, offered the following prayer:

*God, as we begin a new year please bless our Senate with the holy gift of selfless service that generates goodness, beauty, unity and the pursuit of truth that you desire for all human-kind. Give each Senator an abundance of wisdom, knowledge and understanding that they might know best how to proceed in the work they have been given to do and courage to act. May the service of all the members here gathered acquit well the charge entrusted to them by their fellow citizens, and may all that is done this day and all the days of this legislative body be one of great honor and glory. Amen*

Senator Giuda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senators Fuller Clark and McGilvray were excused for the day.

## INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

(The Chair recognized Senator Gannon.)

SENATOR GANNON: Yes, I'd like to introduce my father, a World War II pilot for the Army Air Corps and Battle of the Bulge fighter. Great guy, taught me right from wrong. And as I tell everyone, you taught me not to do drugs; drugs are a gateway. Drug including marijuana, and so no one in my house ever did them or ever will do them. Thanks for a good life, dad. I wish mom could be here today.

(The Chair recognized Senator Woodburn.)

SENATOR WOODBURN: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to introduce my eldest son who is finishing up his last year at Lycoming College studying physics, of all things, and I'm very glad and very proud of him as he intends to try to do something in politics, and I'll have his resume here if anybody needs it in six months, but my son, John Woodburn.

Recess. Out of recess.

## 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 NO. 6

Senator Bradley offered the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Senate meet in Joint Convention with the House of Representatives for the purpose of canvassing votes for the Governor and Executive Council. Adopted.

Recess. Out of recess.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM EARLY SESSION

Senator 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; and that when we adjourn, we adjourn to Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 11:00 A.M.

Adopted. Adjournment from the Early Session.

## LATE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The Chair recognized Senator Soucy.)

SENATOR SOUCY: Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to one of our former members who died since we were last here, and that being Andre “Andy” Martel who served from the 18<sup>th</sup> Senate District. Andy grew up in Manchester; very proud Manchester resident; very proud of his French-Canadian heritage. He attended Bishop Bradley High School, Southern New Hampshire University, and went on to have a career in business working as a general manager for Grand Union, the Nashua Corp, and Digital Equipment Corporation as well. Andy had a distinguished political career serving five terms in the House, two terms in this body chairing the Health and Human Services Committee. But Andy is perhaps best known for being a champion for a cause he believed in, which was saving Catholic Medical Center. Andy lived in Manchester at a time when our two hospitals, Elliott and Catholic Medical Center, were contemplating merging into one, into Optima Health, and Andy wasn’t going to stand for it. And he was the little guy who championed the big cause and in the end he prevailed, and for that he will always be known in Manchester. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Simone; his five children, John, Steven, Phillip, Matthew, and his daughter Lauren. And he leaves behind a memory that for any of us who see something that we disagree with, object to, we need to stand up and stand up for what’s right. And we can all make a difference. So, today I pay tribute to former Senator Martel, and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in offering our condolences to his family. Thank you, Madam President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Woodburn.)

SENATOR WOODBURN: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just want to recognize and think a minute about two prominent North Country sons that passed away in our absence. The first being Tony Urban, who most recently lived in Berlin, and is really a remarkable citizen serving as an educator, a sports official, and a go-to citizen for that region and our entire state. He also served the state of New Hampshire in various roles as the Director of Plant and Property Management under two governors, he served in the Pari-Mutual Commission, the New Hampshire Racing and Gaming Commission, a long-time member of the Berlin Police Commission, numerous awards for his contributions in athletics and other areas including the John Clark Memorial Award, the service award for the NHIAA, and the Joseph Vaughn Leadership and Volunteer Award for Coos County. He leaves Carolyn, his wife of 51 years, and daughter, Pamela Urban and her husband Marc Morin, as well as his brother, Rudy Urban. And he will be missed, and as someone that touched so many peoples’ lives as an educator, as a community citizen letting us know that our work never ends when we are teachers, educators, and people that give to others.

The other is Robert J. Crowley of Plymouth, who was a long-time owner of the RJ Crowley Moving & Storage. And Bob was just a tremendous force in that community for more than 50 years, and serving on the Board of Selectmen, and in various other positions, but the things that he accomplished are truly amazing when you think about them. He created the first, in the state of New Hampshire, recycling center in Plymouth, he created the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, the Plymouth Regional Senior Center, Plymouth Public Library very involved in starting these things, and we had a great, great memorial service this past week-end. And what was really heartfelt was to look across the crowded old train station in Plymouth, which was a dilapidated building not too, too many years ago, to see it filled with his friends, but most importantly his long time employees who came in and filled half of the seats there knowing that this is a person who loved his community, loved his employees, and gave so much back. So thank you, Madam Chair, for indulging my condolences here to their family. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator D’Allesandro.)

SENATOR D’ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Madam President. Nine years ago today, at Children’s Hospital in Boston, one of the medical miracles took place—my grandson was born. Anthony Smith was born with a series of really physical difficulties: he had a heart that hadn’t grown large enough to support his body; he had no ability to hear because one of his ears had not formed properly; he couldn’t breathe or eat very well because his tonsils were choking him. So, this young boy survived based on the modern miracle of Children’s Hospital, but also on the courage and will that he had to survive. This young boy has undergone fourteen surgeries: he’s had heart surgery in Boston; had his tonsils and his adenoids removed; had a number of procedures done to try to create a hearing situation that allows him to hear. He’s inflicted with a mosaic called Mosaic Trisomy 22. There are three chromosomes instead of two; those three attack parts of his body so half of his body hasn’t grown in the same fashion as the other half of his body. But this little guy has survived, he’s 9 years old

today, he is a miracle for our family, and he's a focal point for everything we believe in: courage, the ability to withstand the most serious of surgeries and come out of it, and a will to survive and a will to live. We are blessed to have this young man in our family, and I just can't tell you how much joy he has brought to our family. This kid is something special. As some of you know, Marvel Comics has decided to create a character named after him, the Blue Ear. The first magazine had 150,000 copies and they were all gone. He's going to have another magazine sometime in the fall, in the spring, excuse me. And I just, I thank all of you for your help, particularly the Senate President who has been very helpful and really pushing for the good things that the Blue Ear has produced. But I thank all of you for your kindness. And I say you've got to believe in miracles. You've got to believe in miracles because if it weren't for the miracle of modern medicine, and the miracle of a child's desire to survive, I'd be in a different place today. He'd be in a different place. So, I'm very thankful. I'm very pleased. His grandmother is going to be with him today. She's going to cook him his favorite delight, an Italian treat, and it's going to be a great, great American day. Thank you, Madam President.

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)

#### ADJOURNMENT FROM LATE SESSION

Senator Bradley moved that the Senate adjourn to Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 11:00 A.M.

Adopted. The Senate is adjourned to Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 11:00 A.M.