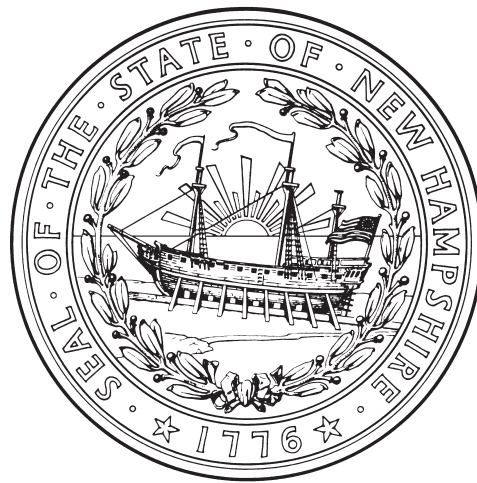


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ORGANIZATION DAY

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

The Very Reverend Georges de Laire, chaplain to the Senate, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Gracious and loving God,

We turn to you this day, for you are the source of all that is good.

Send upon these, your daughters and sons, a renewed longing for what is right and what is just. They have offered themselves and have been chosen by the people of our State to serve the common good. As each represents their own constituents, they gather as one body to advance the good of the whole of New Hampshire. Guide them in their deliberations so that they may strive to promote the dignity intrinsic to every human being. Lead them to discover anew how to build a more equitable society at a time when the forces of individualism drown the voices of unity, where ego has replaced altruism. May informed and prudent wisdom be their counsel. Reveal to them, through their open and honest debates, the path leading to shared achievements and together may they forge forward. Seal them daily with the visceral knowledge that they are never alone, that you are at their side, rewarding them for serving their brothers and sisters. May they experience the serenity that comes from knowing that they have done their true and sincere best while upholding to the higher standards of life consequent to their Office as Senators. Together we entrust them to your constant vigilance and protection. Shield them from any turmoil, tumult or tragedy. May their families and loved ones be protected and rewarded for their generosity, as they share them with us yet endure many of their tribulations.

We ask this with praise and thanksgiving for the greater glory of our Granite State. Amen

Senator D'Allesandro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING FOR THE 41st PRESIDENT

The Honorable Tammy Wright, Clerk of the Senate, recognized that it is the National Day of Mourning due to the death of our 41st President, George H.W. Bush.

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

SENATE CLERK'S NOTE

Due to uncontrollable circumstances there was a loss in some of the audio transmission in regards to the recording for Senate Journal 1.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR SENATORS

At this time, on the first Wednesday in December, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eighteen, 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.

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: Good morning. Are you all excited? Alright. I think it should be a very exciting session. First, I would like to wish a Merry Christmas to you all. I think I speak for 1.35 million people in the State of New Hampshire that are happy you are all here. So, with that, if you 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. You can now sign your oaths.

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	David J. Starr
District No. 2	Bob Giuda
District No. 3	Jeb Bradley
District No. 4	David Watters
District No. 5	Martha Hennessey
District No. 6	James Gray
District No. 7	Harold French
District No. 8	Ruth Ward
District No. 9	Jeanne Dietsch
District No. 10	Jay Kahn
District No. 11	Shannon E. Chandley
District No. 12	Melanie Levesque
District No. 13	Cindy Rosenwald
District No. 14	Sharon M. Carson
District No. 15	Dan Feltes
District No. 16	Kevin Cavanaugh
District No. 17	John Reagan
District No. 18	Donna M. Soucy
District No. 19	Regina Birdsell
District No. 20	Lou D'Allesandro
District No. 21	Martha Fuller Clark
District No. 22	Chuck Morse
District No. 23	Jon Morgan
District No. 24	Tom Sherman

ELECTION OF THE TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER

The Clerk stated that nominations for Temporary Presiding Officer are in order.

Senator Feltes nominated the Honorable Former Senate President Sylvia B. Larsen for Temporary Presiding Officer.

Senator Fuller Clark seconded the nomination.

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

Adopted. The Honorable Former Senate President Sylvia B. Larsen was elected Temporary Presiding Officer.

The Clerk of the Senate requested Senator Watters and Senator Hennessey to escort the Honorable Former Senate President Sylvia B. Larsen, Temporary Presiding Officer, to the rostrum.

THE HONORABLE SENATOR LARSEN: Well, how wonderful to see all of your faces and the honor of being able to stand here once again and speak to you, and in these hallowed halls amongst friends and family. And I have also learned that once you got to the podium you might as well take your time and say a few words. So, I can't resist. You may all be seated. In this season of giving, and on this day remembering one who have honorably served our country, I want to encourage each of you to consider the gift of trust, which the public has endowed upon you, as well as all our elected officials. Trust is critical for successfully working together amongst yourselves, and must be earned. The gift of public trust comes with substantial duty: to serve with integrity, to respect your colleagues and co-workers; and to faithfully and honorably seek the common good. As President Eisenhower reminded us soon after the end of World War II, "This world of ours must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate and be instead a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect." May your years in the Senate be filled with that mutual trust and respect. We wish you much success.

ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

The Honorable Former Senate President Sylvia B. Larsen, Temporary Presiding Officer, stated that nominations for President of the Senate are in order.

(The Honorable Sylvia B. Larsen recognized Senator Feltes for a nomination.)

SENATOR FELTES: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. It's my honor to nominate and speak briefly to my nomination for Senator Donna Soucy to be Senate President. Senator Soucy, in going into this role, follows a long line of public service to her community. At the age of twenty-three Senator Soucy was elected to the State House to the seat held by her late mother Lillian. From there she served on the Manchester School Board and the Board of Aldermen; she has served as Chief of Staff to this body; she's in her fourth term in the state Senate; and has been a champion of labor rights, a champion of survivors of domestic and sexual assault, and so many other issues that affect all of our constituents. She is, in taking this role, abiding by the best traditions of this institution. The traditions of good debate, honoring debate, honoring vigorous debate, and then honoring leaving the chamber and shaking each other's hands, and going forward in a good and collaborative way. And, just like her predecessor and the predecessor up at the Chair, honoring that each individual Senator that is elected and has a voice for their constituents and our state and are working together for the collective whole. Senator Soucy will be the first person who serves as Senate President, who also served as a Chief of Staff to the Senate, and she will be the fourth woman to serve in this role. While they are not here today, I know that Lillian, her mom, and C. Arthur Soucy, a giant of Manchester politics, are looking down today with pride as their daughter goes up to that post as Senate President. So, congratulations, Senator Soucy.

(The Honorable Sylvia B. Larsen recognized Senator Morse for a second.)

SENATOR MORSE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I rise to second the nomination of Senator Donna Soucy for Senate President. There are a lot of new faces in the chamber today, and I would like to thank all of you for answering the call to serve. The New Hampshire Senate has traditionally been a small body that exemplifies what public service should be: we show respect for one another, and we work together, and find common ground to best serve all Granite Staters. And I believe that sense of respect for one another and service to our communities has always been first embodied by the Senate President. I have the greatest of respect for Donna Soucy, and I believe that she has demonstrated time and again that she is willing to listen and work in a bipartisan fashion to best serve the community she represents. When Senator Soucy's father passed away she said on the Senate floor he excelled in everything that he did because everything that he did was about giving of himself. This is a quality that C. Arthur Soucy clearly instilled in his daughter Donna; she's a leader and always willing to stand up and give back to the community she grew up in, and the state she loves. There's a lot of important work that will come before the Senate over the next two years; most of it we will agree on. With Donna Soucy as Senate President I know that every piece of legislation will be considered fairly and debated with open minds even if we have fundamental disagreements. It is my hope and my belief that we will continue to legislate in such a fashion, putting the needs of the people first, and always being a voice of reason in an otherwise polarized world. With this newly elected body the voters of New Hampshire put their faith in, I know we will be successful. I look forward to working with each of you over the next two years, and I am proud to second the nomination of my friend Donna Soucy for Senate President. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Hearing no further nominations, the Honorable Former Senate President Sylvia B. Larsen, Temporary Presiding Officer, declared nominations to be closed.

Adopted. Senator Donna M. Soucy was elected President of the Senate.

The Honorable Former Senate President, Sylvia B. Larsen, Temporary Presiding Officer, requested Senator Cavanaugh and Senator D'Allesandro to escort Senator Donna M. Soucy, President of the Senate, to the rostrum.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

PRESIDENT SOUCY: Thank you. Thank you all so much. Please be seated. First I'd like to thank my dear friend, former Senate President Sylvia Larsen. I'm truly honored to have you here presiding today because you were certainly a mentor to me and to so many women who have served in this chamber with such grace and distinction. Thank you so much, Sylvia.

And thank you so much to Senator Chuck Morse of Salem for your leadership and fairness, and most of all your respect and love of this great institution. I hope to serve as ably and capably as you did. Please join me in a round of applause for Senator Chuck Morse. Thank you.

Thank you as well to all the family, friends, and supporters who are gathered here today to celebrate the swearing in of each Senator and the start of this new legislative session. It's truly an honor to stand here before you, and I'm humbled by the confidence and trust you've bestowed upon me to lead this Senate.

At this moment, however, I hope that each new Senator and those Senators who are returning look carefully around this newly renovated chamber. Look carefully at our new ceiling, our brighter lights, our new carpeting, and our freshly restored furniture. Today, in our newly renovated chamber, we begin the 234th year of the New Hampshire State Senate, looking to the future with a desire to serve the people of our districts and all of the people of this great state. Today, each of the twenty-four of us begins an individual journey of service for the people of New Hampshire. But even more importantly, today we begin a journey toward common ground in a search for bipartisan solutions to address the challenges facing the people of our great state.

As we celebrate all that is new and look to the future, we would be remiss if we didn't look to our past and consider how our family, friends, and supporters, combined with our own experiences, brought us to this moment and this place. Each one of us has been on a journey that has brought us to this chamber today. This chamber which features these beautiful murals and scales of justice between each of the windows reminding us that this chamber's other purpose was once used by the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

My own journey begins with my family's history of public service in Manchester. On my mother's side of the family my great grandfather Joseph Montplaisir was a Manchester Fire fighter who always answered the call to serve and protect his fellow citizens. On my father's side of the family my Uncle George Soucy served as a member of the New Hampshire House representing the good people of Manchester's Ward 8. But it is my parents, C. Arthur and Lillian Soucy, who are here today with me in spirit with their legacy of public service, and love and nurturing that enabled me to stand here before you today.

My father, C. Arthur, served as both an alderman and county commissioner, but more importantly he taught me that service to your community isn't about the offices that you hold, but rather it's about the acts of kindness that you perform when no one is looking. My father also taught me that your word is your bond, and once you give it you can't take it back.

My mother, Lillian, upon her retirement from the telephone company began serving in the New Hampshire House, and I would often accompany her to hearings or events following session. It was from this time spent with my mother in this remarkable place that I developed an appreciation for what public service could truly be. When in October of 1990 my mother passed away while running for reelection, I had the privilege of being nominated to fill her place on the ballot. I was elected to my first term in the New Hampshire House and went on to serve two more.

I share this with you today to reveal a little bit about me and why I am called to public service. I hope in the coming weeks and months to talk to each one of you about your story and your history, and what individual experiences brought you here to this chamber. You see I believe it is through knowing each other's stories that we find shared experience and understanding, and that we can work together in a more collaborative and bipartisan fashion. We can vigorously debate, and sometimes disagree, while understanding that we are all doing what we truly believe is best for the people of New Hampshire. It's the responsibility of the Senate President to ensure that each Senator is heard and that each issue is thoroughly discussed and debated, and that the work of this body is always respected.

So, I ask each one of you to think about your journey that led you here today; think about your past and think about all of those who came to this chamber before us. And once again, I would ask that you look around this chamber and see all that is new, and think about the opportunities and possibilities that we have to work together for the people of the state of New Hampshire.

I want to thank you for the honor of serving as Senate President, and vow to ensure that we carry out the work of the Senate with civility and respect for each other and for the people of this great state. Thank you.

RESOLUTION NO. 1
RULES ADOPTION

Senator Feltes offered the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Rules of the 2017-2018 Session be adopted as the Rules of the 2019-2020 Session, with the changes which have been provided here today.

AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE RULES

1. Amend Senate Rule 4-7 as follows:

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 *and Workforce Development*, the Committee on Election Law and ~~Internal Affairs~~ *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 Public and Municipal Affairs~~, the Committee on Rules and Enrolled Bills, the Committee on Transportation, and the Committee on Ways and Means.

2. Amend Senate Rule 6-5 as follows:

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

3. Amend Senate Rule 7-1 as follows:

7-1 Deadlines

- (a) Tuesday, December 18, 2018 – 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 2019 Session.
- (b) Friday, January 04, 2019 – Deadline for prime sponsors to sign off on legislation.
- (c) Friday, January 11, 2019 – Deadline for co-sponsors to sign off on legislation.
- (d) Monday, February 25, 2019 – Friday, March 01, 2019: SENATE BREAK.
- (e) Thursday, March 07, 2019 – 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 28, 2019 – CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.
- (g) Thursday, May 16, 2019 – 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 06, 2019 – Deadline to ACT on all House bills.
- (i) Thursday, June 13, 2019 – Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.
- (j) Thursday, June 20, 2019 – Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.
- (k) Thursday, June 27, 2019 – Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.

Adopted.

ELECTION OF THE CLERK OF THE SENATE

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

(The Chair recognized Senator Feltes for a nomination.)

SENATOR FELTES: Thank you very much, Madam President. It is my honor to nominate and speak briefly to that nomination, Tammy Wright, for the position of Clerk. Now serving in this role, one of the things that I get to do is one of the things my good friend from Wolfeboro did in the past, which is nominate my constituent and friend, Tammy, to this position, and there's no one better than Tammy, perhaps, in this entire building. She's a wonderful person. She started serving in this role in this office in 1989, in the Clerk's Office; serving as Clerk beginning in 2005. And I first met Tammy when I was a legal aid lawyer and I came up here and I was doing legislative research, and I was trying to figure out some background on legislative

history as if that would shed some light on the statute. And Tammy spent an enormous amount of time with this young, scruffy legal aid lawyer helping navigate and figure out research and figure out the answers to the questions. And that's just one example of what Tammy does. How Tammy approaches the public; how Tammy approaches service in this body; how Tammy abides by the best traditions that the preceding Senate President, and the incoming Senate President, and all of us ascribe to for the institution of the Senate. So it's just a great honor to nominate Tammy, who used to live in the South end, a couple of blocks from me but has now moved, unfortunately. And it's just looking forward to working with her, and thank you very much for this opportunity to nominate Tammy Wright as Clerk.

(The Chair recognized Senator Morse for a second.)

SENATOR MORSE: Thank you, Madam President, and congratulations. I am proud to second the nomination of Tammy Wright for the Clerk of the Senate. I've had the opportunity to work with Tammy both as a President of the Senate, and as a new member in the chamber when she was an Assistant Clerk. I can say with the most confidence that we are a better body because of Tammy and her remarkable staff. Throughout my time in the Senate, Tammy has always made herself available to everyone to be sure the process has been fair and understood by all. The New Hampshire Senate runs smoothly and efficiently because of her institutional knowledge, and her attention to the detail is second to none. I believe one of her greatest strengths as Clerk of the Senate is the trust that all twenty-four of us have had in her. I think this is one time I can speak for all twenty-four members of the Senate when I say that she has been nothing but fair and impartial throughout her entire time as the Senate Clerk. There are few people who receive the trust and respect across partisan lines as Tammy Wright, and I think that is a testament to her integrity. Thank you, Tammy, for the many years of service to the Senate and the people of New Hampshire. I hope everyone will join me in supporting Tammy Wright for the Clerk of the Senate. Thank you, Madam President.

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

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

OATH OF OFFICE FOR SENATE OFFICER

PRESIDENT SOUCY: Please raise your right hand 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 SOUCY: Congratulations.

REMEMBERING PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH

(The Chair recognized Senator Morse.)

SENATOR MORSE: Thank you, Madam President. Our country is in a national day of mourning. As we stand here in this chamber, a state funeral for President George Herbert Walker Bush is taking place in our nation's capital. I ask you all to join me in a moment of silence for President Bush.

You may be seated.

You know in five years as Senate President I've had a lot of friends challenge me to read books, and I've read but one in five years: it's *All The Best of George Bush*. George Herbert Walker Bush was born June 14, 1924 just across the border in Massachusetts. In 1942 on his 18th birthday, he enlisted in the United States Navy, becoming the youngest naval aviator in the Navy at the time. He flew fifty-eight combat missions against Imperial Japan earning Distinguished Flying Cross and three air medals in the process. In 1945 he married Barbara Pierce, a marriage that lasted seventy-three years; the longest in presidential history. Before becoming president, George H. W. Bush served our nation as a member of Congress, Ambassador to the UN, Director of the CIA, and Vice President to President Ronald Reagan.

Over the past few days much has been said and written about President George Bush, but the constant refrain has been honesty and integrity. He was someone who always did what he believed was right for the nation. In his decades of public service he worked tirelessly to make our country and the entire world a better place for all. That honesty and integrity was shown time and again over his decades of public service, such

as championing and signing into law the Americans with Disabilities Act. In his acceptance speech as the nominee for president in 1988, he called for a kinder and gentler nation. He said of himself, I'm a quiet man; a quality that was critical in the days that he dealt with foreign policy.

He was well known to us here in New Hampshire. President Bush loved our state, and many Granite Staters were fortunate to call him a dear friend. I had the privilege of meeting him several times, and each time he encouraged me to do more.

In that book, *All The Best of George Bush*, he had this to say about his own funeral:

Almost the minute you become President you are protested to put into writing your funeral arrangements. I wrote this note to Patty Presock to add to my funeral file. Patty, my burial instructions. Agenda: I want the song "Last Full Measure of Devotion" sung by a good male soloist at the church for memorial service. Gravestone: the plain stones we see at Arlington. I would like my Navy number on the back of it; I believe it is 0173464; just ask Dan Rhodes. Also on the stone, in addition to what I already requested, "He loved Barbara very much."

God bless the Bush Family, and thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT SOUCY: Thank you, Senator Morse.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES

Senator Feltes 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 William M. Gardner, the Secretary of State.

(The Chair recognized the Honorable William M. Gardner, Secretary of State.)

The Honorable William M. Gardner, 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 6, 2018

HONORABLE WILLIAM M. GARDNER: Thank you. Madam President, congratulations today. Article 33 of Part 2 of the Constitution requires that the Secretary of State count the votes for Senators and to notify the Senators to come on Organization Day. So, the following will be by Senate district, the votes that were cast in the election back on November 6th of this year.

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	
David J. Starr, r	10,560
Jeff Woodburn, d	<u>8,739</u>
Plurality for Starr	1,821
Second District	
Bob Giuda, r	12,127
Bill Bolton, d	<u>11,376</u>
Plurality for Giuda	751
Third District	
Jeb Bradley, r	14,841
Christopher T. Meier, d	10,895
Tania M. Butler, l	<u>506</u>
Plurality for Bradley	3,946

Fourth District	
David H. Watters, d	15,299
Fifth District	
Martha Hennessey, d	16,932
Patrick Lozito, r	<u>6,862</u>
Plurality for Hennessey	10,070
Sixth District	
James P. Gray, r	11,602
Anne C. Grassie, d	<u>9,537</u>
Plurality for Gray	2,065
Seventh District	
Harold F. French, r	11,616
Mason Donovan, d	<u>10,141</u>
Plurality for French	1,475
Eighth District	
Ruth Ward, r	12,859
Jenn Alford-Teaster, d	<u>12,212</u>
Plurality for Ward	647
Ninth District	
Jeanne Dietsch, d	14,307
Dan Hynes, r	<u>12,776</u>
Plurality for Dietsch	1,531
Tenth District	
Jay Kahn, d	15,036
Dan LeClair, r	7,538
Ian Freeman, l	<u>507</u>
Plurality for Kahn	7,498
Eleventh District	
Shannon E. Chandley, d	13,361
Gary L. Daniels, r	<u>12,205</u>
Plurality for Chandley	1,156
Twelfth District	
Melanie Levesque, d	12,553
Kevin Avard, r	<u>12,384</u>
Plurality for Levesque	169
Thirteenth District	
Cindy Rosenwald, d	11,307
David Schoneman, r	<u>7,259</u>
Plurality for Rosenwald	4,048
Fourteenth District	
Sharon M. Carson, r	12,823
Tammy M. Siekmann, d	<u>9,424</u>
Plurality for Carson	3,399
Fifteenth District	
Dan Feltes, d	15,929
Pamela Ean, r	<u>8,119</u>
Plurality for Feltes	7,810
Sixteenth District	
Kevin J. Cavanaugh, d	12,990
David Boutin, r	<u>11,853</u>
Plurality for Cavanaugh	1,137

Seventeenth District

John Reagan, r	13,172
Christopher Roundy, d	<u>10,578</u>
Plurality for Reagan	2,594

Eighteenth District

Donna M. Soucy, d	10,276
George Lambert, Jr., r	<u>8,066</u>
Plurality for Soucy	2,210

Nineteenth District

Regina Birdsell, r	12,192
Kristina Durocher, d	<u>9,269</u>
Plurality for Birdsell	2,923

Twentieth District

Lou D'Allesandro, d	9,903
Carla Gericke, r&l	<u>7,047</u>
Plurality for D'Allesandro	2,856

Twenty-First District

Martha Fuller Clark, d	19,084
Peter Macdonald, r	<u>7,324</u>
Plurality for Clark	11,760

Twenty-Second District

Chuck Morse, r	13,571
Richard J. O'Shaughnessy, d	9,155
Mitch Dyer, l	<u>448</u>
Plurality for Morse	4,416

Twenty-Third District

Jon Morgan, d	12,911
Bill Gannon, r	<u>12,806</u>
Plurality for Morgan	105

Twenty-Fourth District

Tom Sherman, d	15,664
Dan Innis, r	<u>13,832</u>
Plurality for Sherman	1,832

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

Senator Feltes 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 Soucy appointed Senator Feltes, Senator D'Allesandro, and Senator Morse to serve as the Select Committee to examine the vote totals.

Recess. Out of recess.

SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Feltes reported that the Select Committee to which was referred the various return of the votes for state Senators from the several districts, having attended to their duties and having examined the returns made to the Secretary of State, reports that it finds the state of the vote returned from the several districts to be correct.

Senator Feltes moved to adopt the report. Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 4
SALARY AND MILEAGE PAYMENTS

Senator Feltes 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.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

PRESIDENT SOUCY: At this time, I would ask, and I think we will do it probably in numerical order, the Senators that would like to introduce their guest to please do so. We will begin with Senator Starr, do you have guests?

(The Chair recognized Senator Starr.)

SENATOR STARR: Sorry, no. The only guest that would have come is my mother, and she's been dead for like six years.

(The Chair recognized Senator Giuda.)

SENATOR GIUDA: I have a guest. She's unable to attend, but she's here in my heart and in spirit in this chamber. Thank you, Madam President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Bradley.)

SENATOR BRADLEY: Thank you and congratulations, Madam President. I'd like to introduce my wife, Karen Bradley. A lot of you had the opportunity to come to our wedding; thank you for that. We just got back from our honeymoon— that's why my tan— and we're happy to be back. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SOUCY: Thank you, and congratulations to both of you! I think this is the first opportunity you've had, Senator, to introduce Karen as your wife, and that's wonderful. We congratulate you both.

(The Chair recognized Senator Hennessey.)

SENATOR HENNESSEY: Thank you, Madam President. I rise to introduce my guests, two of whom are on the floor in front of us and remarkable human beings, Margaret Campbell and Diane Root. Margaret was my campaign manager, but we called her my morale officer. And upstairs is Prescott Herzog, who is the Vice President for the New Hampshire High School Democrats, and is also from my district from Claremont, New Hampshire and helped enormously with my campaign. Welcome. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Gray.)

SENATOR GRAY: Thank you, Madam President. I have four guests today. First one— I want to start with a question: how long ago did Walt Disney die? He died in 1966, and that was on the 15th of December. The 16th of December was the Christmas dance at St. Thomas Aquinas High School; the first date that my wife and I had. We've now been married over forty-eight years, and so I want to welcome her; and two of my children, Jennifer and Jonathan up there; and my sister-in-law, Cindy Callaghan. So I'd like to thank them all for their coming today.

(The Chair recognized Senator French.)

SENATOR FRENCH: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to introduce my wife, Liberty Jane Tardiff. Not only is she my very good friend, my campaign manager, my chief fundraiser, but she makes the bed for me every morning when I get up! Thank you for coming.

(The Chair recognized Senator Ward.)

SENATOR WARD: Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to introduce my husband, Fred Ward, who has been the best driver when I go door to door knocking. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Kahn.)

SENATOR KAHN: Madam President, it's a pleasure to congratulate you, and have you preside over this body. My wife, Cheryl, who you will meet in a more...later in the day. She thought that when the committee was certifying the vote that you might come back and read it again, so she took off for the House and is over there.

But my cherished partner of forty-four years. I also want to share the best regards to my mom, ninety-two year old immigrant to this country; shared with me last night her congratulations for me and for this body newly assembled today. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Chandley.)

SENATOR CHANDLEY: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to introduce my husband, Tom Silvia, whom I think— ah! He's just over here! Tom is my husband and also my best campaign worker. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Levesque.)

SENATOR LEVESQUE: Thank you, Madam President, and congratulations. I have the pleasure of introducing my wonderful husband, Scott, and daughter, Logan, who have been so supportive of me during this campaign; and my wonderful sister, Cindy, who is not only my fiscal agent, but my business partner and my younger sister, and dear friend. Also in the balcony, some dear friends who have been very helpful and very supportive: Mabel Amar, Rosemary Clough, Gale Taylor, and Molly Cowan. And I hope I didn't leave anybody out. But thank you all for your support, and it's an honor to be here.

(The Chair recognized Senator Rosenwald.)

SENATOR ROSENWALD: Thank you, Madam President. My husband, Peter Klementowicz had to leave and go back to work; he was here earlier. But my son, Henry Klementowicz, is still here and I'm delighted that he is here with us. Finally, my mother passed away in 2012, but in spirit she is here through her handbag.

(The Chair recognized Senator Carson.)

SENATOR CARSON: Thank you, Madam President. I want to offer my congratulations to you, as well, and I look forward to working with you over the next two years. Unfortunately, my family couldn't be here with me today. They are here with me in spirit because they have supported me every step of the way. And I'd like to mention my husband, Gregory; as well as my daughter, Alicia; and my daughter, Captain Deirdre Carson, who is a member of our armed forces and was on active duty serving our country. Thank you very much, Madam President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Feltes.)

SENATOR FELTES: Thank you, Madam President. Unfortunately, Erin, my wife, and our two daughters, Iris and Jose, couldn't make it. Iris has a fever and she threw up on me earlier today. They're at home. But, just like my friend from District 14, they're here with us in spirit and I can't thank them enough for all their support. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator Cavanaugh.)

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Thank you, Madam President. I want to thank my wife, Kerri, who is here, and all the support she has given me in the campaigns and everything; going through a campaign and just doing this, serving the citizens of the state. When I first decided to run for the Senate I had to talk to my wife, and she said oh, that's pretty neat, what does that pay? I said well it's a hundred dollars a year. And she said are you crazy? But yes, yes. And my daughter, Ryleigh, one of my three children that are here. Ryleigh who's a senior at Central High School, who is exploring her next journey, and looking for colleges around New England, and we're very proud of her, and glad that she could be here today. She'll probably never come back after getting this attention. Thank you very much.

(The Chair recognized Senator Reagan.)

SENATOR REAGAN: Congratulations, Madam President, and I would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the presence of Bette Lasky, Honorable and former Senator.

(The Chair recognized Senator Birdsell.)

SENATOR BIRDSSELL: Thank you, Madam President, and congratulations. I'm going to miss not sitting next to you anymore. But I want to introduce my husband, Mark Skelly, my biggest fan; and my sister came up from Florida to watch the swearing in, Lieutenant Colonel retired. So, thank you so much for everything you've done.

(The Chair recognized Senator D'Allesandro.)

SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Madam President, and indeed congratulations. And a quick note of thanks to Senator Morse for being a great American. Thank you.

Up in the balcony I have the Captain of my 1965 Bishop Bradley High School football team, Billy Auger. Billy was my sign guy, and he and his ninety-two year old mother put up signs with me throughout the district. I treasure relationships. I treasure them. They're the thing that makes life meaningful. Billy's been with me since 1965, and Billy I can't say thank you enough times. Thank you.

Behind me is my son, Michael. I wish I had been as successful in business as Michael. He's done wonderful things; a graduate of Plymouth State University; has five children, four boys and a girl. He's keeping America strong. He tells me those taxes, though, are out of sight. So, my son, Michael D'Allesandro.

And as Senator Gray said, in 1961 at Saint Grayfield's Church in Manchester, New Hampshire, Father James Ridge, a Benedictine Monk, conducted my marriage ceremony to the beautiful and talented Patricia D'Allesandro. I could not have been luckier in my life, truly, then to have met her when we were freshman at the University; married her when I was a senior; and we've had fifty-seven good years. A lot of ups and downs, but fifty-seven good years. She's been a great mother to our children, our nine grandchildren, our two great-grandchildren; and if Grammie says it's okay, it's okay. So I must say that I love you dearly.

And one last note, I've had some success in life, but my mother passed away when she was thirty-three years of age. She left four boys to fend for themselves, but I must say my greatest regret in life was that she was never able to witness the success of her children. And I tell you this most sincerely, she bears a heavy burden and the responsibility for us. My mother worked as a candy factory worker at Schrafft's Chocolates in Cambridge, Mass.; never graduated from high school; was married young; had four boys; died pregnant; and I'm telling you, I see people to this day who say, boy that Marion, that Marion D'Allesandro, boy she was the greatest. Thank you, Madam President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Fuller Clark.)

SENATOR FULLER CLARK: Thank you very much. It gives me great pleasure to introduce my husband, Doctor Geoffrey E. Clark, who has put up with me for almost fifty years, and has supported me in whatever I have chosen to undertake. And he has been a fabulous partner— I can't thank you enough for all that you have done for me and for our family. Unfortunately, my children are not here today, but they, too, have been very supportive. I have a son who lives in Darien, Connecticut; we have three grandchildren; a daughter who lives in Brooklyn, New York; and a son who lives in London. And I know that I could not have done what I've been able to do without their support.

And I would also would like to give recognition to my mother, who passed away in 2011 at age ninety-four. She was a very close friend of George Bush's. She served for the Maine state legislature in the 1970s and was a great role model for me. And when her friends would say how can you put up with a Democratic daughter, because she was National Republican Committee woman from the state of Maine, she would say that she was just glad that her daughter was involved in service, and involved in politics. And so we always got along very well, and so she came for, I think, the very first swearing in when I was elected, and we miss her. She was a pretty amazing woman.

In addition, I have three supporters in the gallery, all of whom have worked on my present campaign, or past campaigns, and I'd like to recognize them for their great input and support in helping me not only with my election, but helping with other elections throughout the seacoast: and that is Joe Scheidler; that is Doug Marino; and Kaytlynn Jacobs-Brett. So thank you all very, very much for the help that you've given me over the years.

(The Chair recognized Senator Morse.)

SENATOR MORSE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd be remiss if I didn't thank Susan and Emma, my wife and daughter. Em's traveling; she's now in the business world, and I can stop talking about that part of my life and tell you she's doing great. Susan's at home running the business, which I hope to be able to help her with shortly. But both of them have stood by me for five years. Thanks for the breather!

The next part of my life is a little more difficult. You know, five years with the Chief of Staff, you know how it is, Madam President. She truly cared about the state; she cared about this institution; she's responsible for putting the team together to make this room the way it is; she certainly understood what finance was all about; she joined me back in the early 2000s; she got put in a cubbyhole— I got put on the third floor. The Senate President, at the time, wanted to make sure I could do the job right, and all I said to her was we're going to do our best, and we did. And since then she's served with me in the Senate, and I asked her to be Chief of Staff in 2013, and she truly believed in the state of New Hampshire. And she recognized the fact

that, as we talked about budgets, and I kept saying you know Bradley's in charge of policy, I'm in charge of finance, she always said, Mister President, understand one thing, the greatest document in the state of New Hampshire is the budget when it comes to policy, and you should continue to make sure you do it right. But along with that she developed what I believe is the most important document that we've written in all the years that I served as Senate President, and that's making sure health care got to everyone in the state of New Hampshire the Granite State Way. And she certainly not only helped develop the original document, but the reauthorization. And the reauthorization, she did that with such detail that we should all be proud of everything she did and put into that document to make sure the state of New Hampshire had the greatest health care plan in the country, and I firmly believe that.

You know my only mistake— I made two. I actually admitted one to the Senate President a month ago. But my mistake recently has been I'm a business man, I live on a calendar year, I thought this year was going to be up for me in January, and up for Kristy in January, and the other day she came to me and she said Mister President, you understand one thing, the contracts for all the employees end on the 4th of December at midnight, and we start our new contracts and we move on. And I'm like, so what does that mean for you? And she says, I'm done today. It's a lot to take. But you're loved; we really do think the world of you, and Kristy Merrill, congratulations. The Senate thinks the world of you.

PRESIDENT SOUCY: Thank you, Senator Morse, and thank you, Kristy.

(The Chair recognized Senator Morgan.)

SENATOR MORGAN: Thank you, Madam President. Let's see, that is a tough act to follow, Senator.

I'm privileged to be able to introduce my wife and best friend, Katie Morgan; my son Thomas, my oldest of three boys; my mother, Denise. Also joining us in the gallery, my step-mother, Lesley Morgan; along with my middle son, William Morgan. Hi, William Michael Morgan! This is a very special moment for me and for my family. My grandfather, Tom Morgan, was a janitor in a school up North. My grandmother, Alice Morgan, made shoes at the All Star factory up in Berlin many years ago. My father, who was also one of my closet friends, professional mentors, and guides, passed away very fittingly on Father's Day a year and a half ago as I was beginning this journey. And so I know he is here with us today, as are my aunts and uncles from all my childhood. So, Uncle Tim, Aunt Donna, thank you for being here. Patty Hood, my Aunt, thank you for being here. Aunt Denise, thank you very much for making the trip down from Berlin. And I'd be remiss if I didn't express my gratitude to my friend, Nicholas Paul for also being here as well. Thank you all.

(The Chair recognized Senator Sherman.)

SENATOR SHERMAN: Thank you, Madam President. I'd be remiss if I didn't notice that in Virginia I was known as the Rear Admiral because of what I do, and here I am at the end of the line once again! Sorry about that. I hope that's not off-color.

I'd like to recognize, and Senator Bradley watch out with that tan because my wife, Doctor Lisa Sherman, is here, so she'll be happy to check you out afterwards. But Lisa is my reason for being, and she is my foundation, and I am so honored she's here. Senator Morse, I feel your moment there. And in terms of other people who are here: David Borden, who is a state Representative and my seatmate when I was in the House, and also my mentor, and one of the gentlest, kindest people I've ever met. He had to leave, I think. I don't think he's here at this point. I wanted to recognize him. And up in the gallery, two of my dearest friends, John and Karen Oliver. Karen, who has served relentlessly for four terms as my fiscal agent and been a friend for many, many years. And straight from Lexington, Kentucky my campaign manager and one of the most wonderful, young men I've ever met, Jonathan George. Thank you all for coming.

PRESIDENT SOUCY: Thank you. And I'd like to recognize several people that are here today, many co-workers, friends, supporters in the gallery; most notably my campaign manager Laura Bryant, thank you so much for being here. I'd also like to, once again, recognize the most Reverend Father George de Laire. I appreciate your spiritual guidance, and thank you for being here. My dear friend, Raymond Buckley, I appreciate your support, and thank you so much for being here. My family, as many of you heard today, my parents are here with me in spirit, but my real family is here, too. My cousin, Kelley Bedard; my cousin, Michelle Messenger; and my mother's sister, my Aunt, and like my real sister, Muriel Schadee. Thank you so very much for being here today.

Recess. Out of recess.

HOUSE MESSAGE

Madam President:

The House of Representatives has organized and elected its officers:

Speaker of the House: Stephen J. Shurtleff

Clerk of the House: Paul C. Smith

Sergeant-at-Arms: Walter P. Sword

HOUSE MESSAGE

Madam 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 Feltes 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.

Recess. Out of recess.

ADJOURNMENT FROM THE EARLY SESSION

Senator Feltes 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 2, 2019. 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)

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Feltes moved that the Senate, having organized and completed its business for the day, adjourn to Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Adopted. The Senate is adjourned to Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

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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	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	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 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.
Withdraw From Committee	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.

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 First-Year Bills or Resolutions Laid on the Table - All bills or resolutions remaining on the table upon adjournment of the first-year 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 a recommendation of inexpedient to legislate.

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 and Workforce Development, 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 chairperson of the committee 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 fi-

nance, 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

(a) Tuesday, December 18, 2018 – 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 2019 Session.

(b) Friday, January 04, 2019 – Deadline for prime sponsors to sign off on legislation.

(c) Friday, January 11, 2019 – Deadline for co-sponsors to sign off on legislation.

(d) Monday, February 25, 2019 – Friday, March 01, 2019: SENATE BREAK.

(e) Thursday, March 07, 2019 – 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 28, 2019 – CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.

(g) Thursday, May 16, 2019 – 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 06, 2019 – Deadline to ACT on all House bills.

(i) Thursday, June 13, 2019 – Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.

(j) Thursday, June 20, 2019 – Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.

(k) Thursday, June 27, 2019 – Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.