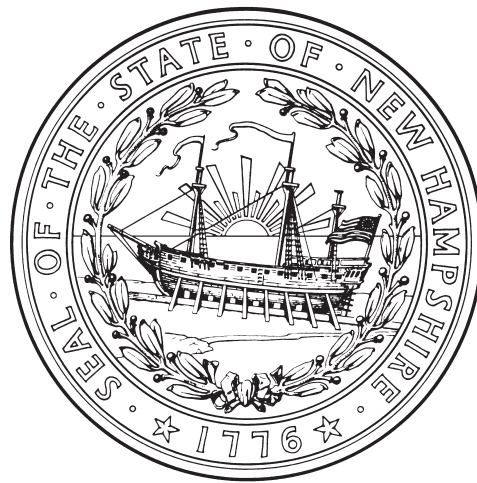


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CONVENING DAY

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

The Reverend Mark Warren, chaplain to the Senate, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord, we are grateful to be here of service once again to this great state of New Hampshire; with many new faces in this room, new roles, new positions. Please take a moment to soberly consider our role in this session: representing so many great people of this state; debating concerning the new laws that may come and affect so many. We humbly take our roles and positions under your authority, and be thankful for this great New Year 2019, where we can celebrate the goodness of life, family and liberty. I ask Lord, that this would be a year marked with significant happiness, peace and joy as we do the work of this state that there would be good work to be done; where we treat others with love and kindness, and graciousness. In your name we pray. Amen.

Senator Starr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Watters is excused for the day.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

PRESIDENT SOUCY: We do have three people that we would like to recognize today. First I'd like to call Martha Cox up to the podium. We thought it really important this first day to appreciate and just acknowledge the incredible restoration efforts that have occurred here in the chamber. Martha's work in particular was in restoring the Barry Faulkner murals that are behind us here in the Senate Chamber. Since 2012 Martha has cleaned and restored over fifty of the State House portraits including the portrait of Woodbury Langdon in the Senate Chamber. And we are just thrilled, and I think many of you who have sat in these seats before have noticed things that we have never even realized were in the murals, now that they're so clean and newly restored. Faulkner was known for his work with light and that light is shone bright now thanks to the hard work of Martha Cox. So on behalf of the Senate I would like to present you with a resolution and thank you, Martha, for all of your amazing work in the restoring our historic murals.

Additionally, we are grateful for the skills and expertise of Jared Tuveson, who I'd like to call up. Jared repaired the gilding in the Senate spandrels, and the frame of the Woodbury Langdon portrait in the Senate Chamber, as well as his continued work in restoring frames. Next week, as many of you might know, the Supreme Court will be convening right here in this chamber so to have all of the restoration done around the scales of justice I think is very timely, and something that reminds all of us of the history of this great room. So we are obviously very, very grateful for your hard work and we thank you as well, Jared. And I'd like to present you with a resolution.

And finally, I want to recognize John InDelicato. John would you please come up as well? John's work was truly outstanding in providing insight and direction during the restoration process of the Chamber as well as his service as a historical consultant for the state of New Hampshire, the Office of the Governor, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and for anyone that came and observed the progress here in the Chamber, if you just said hello to John, you had a wealth of information provided to you and just a great history, and I truly, truly appreciate your work in making such an indelible mark in making our Chamber so much better and brighter and preserving its integrity. So thank you for that, John.

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 Feltes 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.

AMENDMENT TO THE ETHICS GUIDELINES

Senator Feltes moved adoption of the proposed Amendment to the Ethics Guidelines, which was provided in the Senate Calendar.

Proposed Amendment to the Ethics Guidelines

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on August 29, 2018, voted 5-0 to propose the following amendment to the Ethics Guidelines. In accordance with RSA 14-B:3, II, the Committee respectfully requests that the Senate and House vote to approve the proposed amendment.

Legislative Ethics Committee

Explanation: Matter added to the current guidelines appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from the current guidelines appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~

ETHICS GUIDELINES

2 DEFINITIONS.

III. "Expense Reimbursement" shall mean any price, charge, fee, expense, or other cost which is waived, forgiven, reduced, prepaid, or reimbursed in any form for the reasonable expenses of attendance, registration, travel, meals, or lodging related to a bona fide conference, meeting, seminar, or educational, cultural, or informational program. ***"Expense reimbursement" shall not include any expense reimbursement made by the general court to a legislator, legislative officer, or legislative employee.***

IV. "Gift" shall mean:

(b) Any other tangible thing, intangible thing, service, or the use thereof having an individual value of greater than \$50. ***For purposes of this section, "service" shall not include acceptance of legal services on an individual basis when the legislator enters into an attorney-client relationship with the attorney for the purposes of addressing a complaint or petition if the attorney is not a registered lobbyist.***

3 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

III. Legislators shall not:

(h) Violate any policy or rule adopted by the House or Senate relating to the conduct of individuals in the performance of their duties as members of the legislature. ***"Rule" means any rule adopted pursuant to RSA 14-B and shall not include any rule of proceeding adopted by the house of representatives or the senate.***

4 PERMITTED ACTIVITIES; PERMITTED GIFTS.

I. Nothing in section 3, Prohibited Activities, shall be construed to prohibit the following:

(e) Acceptance of expense reimbursement for the reasonable expenses for attendance, registration, travel, meals, and lodging related to a bona fide conference, meeting, seminar, or educational, cultural, or informational program related to the legislator's office so long as disclosure of any such reimbursement is made no later than the last day of the month following the month during which the expense reimbursement was received. This disclosure shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in the form prescribed in RSA 14-C. ***This provision shall not be construed to require reporting of an expense reimbursement made by the general court to a legislator.***

II. The following shall not be considered gifts for the purposes of these Guidelines:

(j) An expense reimbursement, ***including any expense reimbursement made by the general court to a legislator, legislative officer, or legislative employee.***

~~[(m) Monetary or non-monetary awards or recognition issued under the suggestion and extraordinary service award program under RSA 99-E.]~~

8 LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT.

III. Permitted Activities. The activities listed in this paragraph are permitted.

(c) Acceptance of expense reimbursement for the reasonable expenses for attendance, registration, travel, meals, and lodging related to a bona fide conference, meeting, seminar, or educational, cultural, or informational program related to the legislative employee's or officer's employment so long as disclosure of any such reimbursement is made no later than the last day of the month following the month during which the expense reimbursement was received. This disclosure shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in a form prescribed in RSA 14-C. ***This provision shall not be construed to require reporting of an expense reimbursement made by the general court to a legislative employee or officer.***

Adopted.

AMENDMENT TO SENATE RULES

Senator Feltes moved to amend Senate Rule 7-1, with the amendment provided here today.

Amend Senate Rule 7-1 (b) and insert (l) as follows:

7-1 Deadlines

(b) Friday, January 11, 2019 – Deadline for prime sponsors to sign off on legislation.

(l) Thursday, December 19, 2019 – Deadline to REPORT rereferred bills out of committee.

Adopted.

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 Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Adopted. Adjourned from the Early Session.

LATE SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The Chair recognized Senator D'Allesandro.)

SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Madam President. A point of personal privilege, please? Thank you Madam Chairman, or Madam President. Two former Senators passed away while we were not in session. Sheila Roberge, who served in this Senate for twenty-six years; and Senator Saggiotes, who served in the House with me and also in the Senate.

Sheila Roberge was the Dean of the Senate. As an unmarried woman her name was Sheila Skeffington and she worked for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, and was there when my wife, Patricia Morganstern, was an employee of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. She then married Roland Roberge. Roland was my colleague at New Hampshire College. He was an accounting professor. I was teaching history at the time. Then Roland became our banking commissioner. Sheila served this Senate well. Did a magnificent job for every dog and cat in this state. I'll tell you that without hesitation. They lived better than most of the population did. She was an advocate for the animals like no person in the history of this Senate. And I can remember sitting here with my colleagues, and we were debating animal cruelty here and the elimination of greyhound racing here in the state of New Hampshire. So Sheila will be remembered for her service not only to Manchester, Bedford, but to the state of New Hampshire.

Senator Saggiotes was a great American; served in the House; served in the Senate, he was the Majority Leader here in the Senate. Had a restaurant in Newport, Priscilla's. How many of you remember Priscilla's Restaurant right on the Main Street of Newport; run by the Saggiotes family. His brother Sam was on the racing commission. And Senator Saggiotes was a wonderful, wonderful friend. He did what we now call Homeland Security here, it was Civil Defense in those days, and he was the director of Civil Defense for the state of New Hampshire. He had a wonderful, wonderful life, he was ninety-five years of age when he passed away, and did great service for the state of New Hampshire.

So we must remember our colleagues who went before us who served us well as members of this body and served the state of New Hampshire well. So we remember both of our Senators, Senator Roberge and Senator Saggiotes with fondness, kindness, and remember the good work that they did as public servants here in the state of New Hampshire. Thank you, Madam President.

Without objection, all personal privileges and unanimous consent shall be entered into the permanent *Journal of the Senate*. (Rule 2-16 and Rule 2-17). Adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Feltes moved that the Senate adjourn to Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Adopted. The Senate is adjourned to Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.