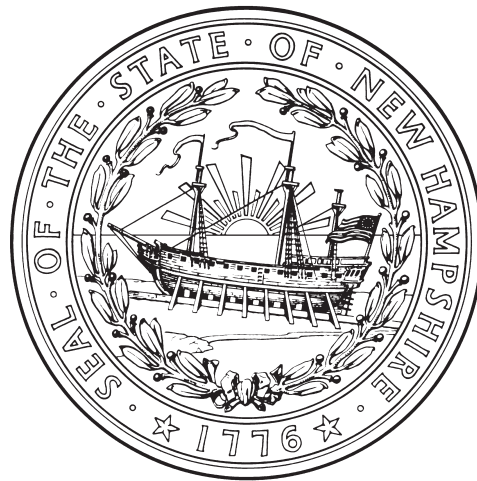


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**INAUGURATION DAY – JANUARY 3, 2019 SESSION**

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## INAUGURATION DAY

The Senate convened at 11:00 a.m., a quorum being present.

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

Let's take a moment and pray.

Thank you Lord for another day that we can come and be together to do the work. But today is a day of celebration; a day to celebrate our Governor and his inauguration. As we enter this new session, Lord there might be times that we start to see color, we start to see sides, but Lord I pray that we begin to see the faces of the people of New Hampshire as we deliberate. Lord, I am also mindful of this stress and strain that serving in this capacity might have on the family members, on places of employment for people who are bi-vocational serving this way. That you would give them the grace and the patience to allow these Senators to serve our great state of New Hampshire in a way that is honoring to you. We thank you for this day. We thank you for this time that we settle our hearts before you, and we remember the weightiness of this role to serve this state and the people of the state. In your name we pray. Amen.

I'd also like to take a moment of silence to remember the sister of Senator Watters, who is absent today. His sister, Nancy Watters, passed away. Let's just take a moment to remember.

Lord we pray for peace for this family. We pray for comfort for the loss that is felt. Be with them we pray. Amen.

Senator Bradley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senators Giuda, Reagan and Watters are excused for the day.

## INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

PRESIDENT SOUCY: I think we want to celebrate some important people that are here with us today. We want to continue to celebrate the inspirational restoration of our Senate Chamber and those who made all of this work possible.

In particular leading the effort I want to thank Kristy Merrill, who as many of you know was the Chief of Staff starting in 2014, and we are just so grateful for the outstanding work she did in spearheading this process. Certainly not an easy one: one that had a lot of deadlines; one that had many twists and turns along the way; one that had many complexities; and yet here we are today and the work is completed, and it looks beautiful, and we should all be so proud of this Chamber. So I'd like to ask Kristy to come up. And we want to present you with a resolution for your "outstanding work providing insight and direction during the restoration process of the Senate Chamber, and as well as [your] service to the New Hampshire State Senate." Thank you very, very much.

KRISTY MERRILL: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SOUCY: I appreciate you being here.

The entire restoration project, as you know, was quite a puzzle— and without each little piece from a cast of staff members, we couldn't have put it all together. So today we also want to recognize Ron White and his team of electricians, carpenters, and laborers who helped to prepare the Chamber, as well as Doug Dolcino and his operations team who were responsible for moving the furniture, putting the Chamber back together, as well as hand painting the chairs in the gallery.

I want to single out Ron White. Ron, if you could just come forward here in front of the couch so everybody can see you? Ron White is the Administrator at the Bureau of Administrative Services. And his team— and I'll just call off the names, if you would join him: Clinton Ham, electrician; Bill Dix, electrician; Mark Zinkand, painter; Don Dunlap, painter; Aziza Salif, who is the building service worker, many of you recognize Aziza who is always moving about the building.

And Doug Dolcino, Legislative Operations, and his team of Pip Adams, Frank Knight, Bob Marsh, and Dawn Graves.

And I ask all of you to join me in thanking all of these dedicated folks for the amazing work that they did in helping get this Chamber restored. We can't thank you all enough, and we truly appreciate your work on behalf of, certainly the legislature and the state Senate, but on behalf of the people in the state of New Hampshire because this Chamber, this building is everyone's building and it should be respected, and it certainly is stunning after its completion. So thank you all very, very much. We appreciate it. Thank you.

Recess. Out of recess.

#### HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives is ready to meet with the honorable Senate in Joint Convention for the purpose of hearing the report of the Joint Committee appointed to compare and count the votes for Governor and Executive Council, for the inauguration of the Governor, and the taking of the oath by the Executive Council.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 7

Senator Feltes offered the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Senate meet in Joint Convention with the House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing the report of the Joint Committee appointed to compare and count the votes for Governor and Executive Council, for the Inauguration of the Governor, the Honorable Christopher T. Sununu, and for the taking of the oath by the Executive Council. Adopted.

Recess. Out of recess.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM EARLY SESSION

Senator Feltes moved that the Senate adjourn from the Early Session, that the business of the Late Session be in order at the present time.

Adopted. Adjournment from the Early Session.

#### LATE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The Chair recognized Senator Feltes.)

SENATOR FELTES: Thank you, Madam President. I just want to recognize our former colleague and friend, Senator Russell Prescott is with us here today. Give it up for Senator Prescott! Executive Councilor Prescott!

PRESIDENT SOUCY: I do have a couple of announcements. I wanted to make all of you aware you should have received notification and an invitation to the New Hampshire Supreme Court Oral Argument, which will be held in this Chamber on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We are asking that if you do plan to attend please arrive a bit earlier as the seating will be limited and we want to accommodate everyone that has expressed interest in participating.

But also note that on January 7<sup>th</sup> WMUR's New Hampshire Chronicle will be featuring our Senate Chamber, the restoration, and Senator Watters and also those who were part of the restorations were interviewed and will be part of the program. So I encourage all you to watch.

And once again I would just note that the Senate offers its sympathy to Senator David Watters on the loss of his sister, Nancy.

And regarding the Supreme Court Oral Argument if you have not yet RSVP'd, please let the Clerk know. So, as I said, the seating is limited and we want to make sure we accommodate all Senators that are interested in participating.

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.

#### MOTION TO RECESS TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Senator Feltes moved that the business of the day being completed, that the Senate recess to the Call of the Chair for the purposes of introducing legislation, referring bills to committee, scheduling hearings, sending and receiving messages, and processing enrolled bill reports and amendments and when we recess, we recess to the Call of the Chair.

Adopted. The Senate is in recess to the Call of the Chair.