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OF

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

FOR THE

188th General Court





[INCLUDING ROLL CALL SUPPLEMENT]

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The one hundred and eighty-eighth General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened at the State House in Boston on the first Wednesday of January, being the second day of the year two thousand thirteen and of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

The following-named members-elect of the House of Representatives, having been duly summoned by the Executive, assembled in the Representatives' Chamber and were called to order at sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., by Representative-elect Angelo M. Scaccia of Boston (member of the House from 1973 to 1978, inclusive, and also from 1981 to 2012, inclusive) the oldest senior member-elect, to wit:—

> Andrews, Denise Arciero, James Ashe, Brian M. Atkins, Cory Ayers, Bruce J. Balser, Ruth B. Barrows, F. Jay Basile, Carlo Beaton, Matthew A. Benson, Jennifer E. Binienda, John J. Boldyga, Nicholas A. Bradley, Garrett J. Brady, Michael D. Brodeur, Paul Cabral, Antonio F. D. Calter, Thomas J. Campbell, Linda Dean Canavan, Christine E. Cantwell, James M. Cariddi, Gailanne M. Chan, Tackey Coakley-Rivera, Cheryl A. Collins, Nick Conroy, Thomas P. Coppinger, Edward F. Costello, Michael A. Cronin, Claire D. Curran, Sean Cusack, Mark J. Cutler, Josh S. Decker, Marjorie C. DeLeo, Robert A. deMacedo, Viriato Manuel D'Emilia, Angelo L. Dempsey, Brian S. Devers, Marcos A. Diehl, Geoffrey G. DiNatale, Stephen L.

DiZoglio, Diana Donato, Paul J. Durant, Peter J. Dwyer, James J. Dykema, Carolyn C. Ehrlich, Lori A. Fallon, Christopher G. Farley-Bouvier, Tricia Fattman, Ryan C. Fennell, Robert F. Ferguson, Kimberly N. Fernandes, John V. Ferrante, Ann-Margaret Finn, Michael J. Forry, Linda Dorcena Fox, Gloria L. Fresolo, John P. Frost, Paul K. Galvin, William C. Garballey, Sean Garlick, Denise C. Garry, Colleen M. Gifford, Susan Williams Gobi, Anne M. Golden, Thomas A., Jr. Gordon, Kenneth I. Gregoire, Danielle W. Haddad, Patricia A. Harrington, Sheila C. Hecht, Jonathan Henriquez, Carlos Heroux, Paul R. Hill, Bradford Hogan, Kate Holmes, Russell E. Honan, Kevin G. Howitt, Steven S. Humason, Donald F., Jr.

Hunt, Randy

General Court convened.

House called to order.

House called to order.

Jones, Bradley H., Jr. Kafka, Louis L. Kaufman, Jay R. Keefe, Mary S. Keenan, John D. Khan, Kay Kocot, Peter V. Koczera, Robert M. Kulik, Stephen Kuros, Kevin J. Lawn, John J., Jr. Lewis, Jason M. Linsky, David Paul Lombardo, Marc T. Lyons, James J., Jr. Madden, Timothy R. Mahoney, John J. Malia, Elizabeth A. Mannal, Brian R. Mariano, Ronald Mark, Paul W. Markey, Christopher M. McMurtry, Paul Miceli, James R. Michlewitz, Aaron Mirra, Leonard Moran, Frank A. Moran, Michael J. Murphy, James M. Murphy, Kevin J. Nangle, David M. Naughton, Harold P., Jr. Nyman, Rhonda L. O'Connell, Shaunna L. O'Day, James J. O'Flaherty, Eugene L. Orrall, Keiko M. Parisella, Jerald A. Peake, Sarah K. Peisch, Alice Hanlon

Peterson, George N., Jr. Petrolati, Thomas M. Pignatelli, William Smitty Poirier, Elizabeth A. Provost, Denise Puppolo, Angelo J., Jr. Reinstein, Kathi-Anne Rogers, David M. Rogers, John H. Rosa, Dennis A. Roy, Jeffrey N. Rushing, Byron Sannicandro, Tom Scaccia, Angelo M. Schmid, Paul A. III Scibak, John W. Sciortino, Carl M., Jr. Silvia, Alan Smizik, Frank I. Smola, Todd M. Speliotis, Theodore C. Stanley, Thomas M. Story, Ellen Straus, William M. Sullivan, David B. Swan, Benjamin Timilty, Walter F. Toomey, Timothy J., Jr. Turner, Cleon H. Vega, Aaron Vieira, David T. Wagner, Joseph F. Walsh, Chris Walsh, Martin J. Walsh, Steven M. Walz, Martha M. Winslow, Daniel B. Wong, Donald H. Zlotnik, Jonathan D.

At the request of the presiding officer (Mr. Scaccia of Boston), prayer was offered by Father Charles Bourke of St. John the Evangelist Church of Winthrop, as follows:

Almighty God, we come here this morning for the 188th Inaugural Celebration of the General Court.

Look with love on the people of our Commonwealth and keep them safe in Your service.

Our nation was founded upon trust in You: Help us to remain true to the faith of our founders.

Guide and unite us and make it possible for us to work together. Help all of us so that discord may be resolved in great love and justice.

Send your blessing upon the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. We are thankful for their work.

We ask these things in Your Holy Name. Amen.

Mr. Golden of Lowell moved that the prayer be spread upon the records; and the motion prevailed.

Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Scaccia), Mr. Norman Gill, retired Pledge of regional director of veteran services for Barnstable County and Representatives-elect Naughton of Clinton and Parisella of Beverly led the members, guests and employees in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The National Anthem then was sung by Ashley Bernard of the National Perkins School for the Blind. Ashley also sang on two other occasions during the session.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Scaccia), the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent prayer in respect to the memory of former Speaker Thomas W. McGee, a member of the House from Lynn from 1963 to 1990, inclusive, and Speaker of the House from 1975 to 1984, inclusive.

Communication from Representative-elect Jeffrey Sánchez.

The following communication was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

January 2, 2013.

Steven T. James Clerk of the House 24 Beacon Street Room 145, State House Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. James:

I regret to inform you that I will be unable to attend session on January 2, 2013 due to a family emergency. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my support for Robert A. DeLeo for Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Statement concerning Representativeelect Jeffrey Sánchez of Boston.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY SÁNCHEZ, Representative-Elect, 15th Suffolk District.

Remarks of Dean Scaccia.

Representative-elect Scaccia then addressed the House with welcoming remarks.

Distinguished Guests.

In attendance at the opening session of the House were many distinguished guests, including, former Speakers Robert F. Quinn of Boston, David M. Bartley of Holyoke and Thomas M. Finneran of Boston; Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Roderick Ireland; Middlesex County Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian; Boston City Council President Stephen J. Murphy, and Council members Robert Consalvo and Salvatore LaMattina; Revere Mayor Dan Rizzo; Revere City Councillors Robert J. Haas Jr., Richard A. Penta, Arthur F. Guinasso, Charles J. Patch, Sr., Ira Novoselsky, John Powers, Anthony T. Zambuto and

allegiance.

Anthem.

Speaker Thomas W.

McGee.

Distinguished guests.

Remarks of Dean

Scaccia.

John R. Correggio; Winthrop Town Council President Peter T. Gill, and Council members Phillip Boncore, Paul F. Varone, Nicholas A. DelVento, J. Larry Powers and Linda J. Calla; Plymouth County Register of Deeds John R. Buckley, Jr.; Director of the Massachusetts Legislators Association and former Representative Roger Babb; and Patricia Fallah of Worcester, current Miss Black Massachusetts and an employee of the United States Army.

Special Recognitions.

The Chair (Mr. Scaccia of Boston) acknowledged the presence of long-time dedicated employees of the House, including Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of the House Raymond Amaru, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of the House and Chief Court Officer Eugene F. DiPersio, and Assistant Chief Court Officers Lewis E. "Rusty" Hinkley, Joseph A. Quinn and Odell Ruffin.

Special Communications.

The following communication, together with the returns of the votes and schedules therein referred to, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to wit:—

January 2, 2013.

To the Honorable House of Representatives:

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the election held in this Commonwealth on the sixth day of November, 2012 for Representatives in the General Court, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the House of Representatives as required by the Constitution and General Laws.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The communication was read.

Whereupon, On motion of Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea,-

Ordered, That the returns of votes for Representatives in the several Representative Districts of the Commonwealth be referred to a special committee, to consist of three members.

Representatives O'Flaherty, Michlewitz of Boston and Peterson of Grafton were appointed the committee.

Subsequently Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for said special committee, submitted a report thereon that the following named persons had been duly elected, to wit:—

Secretary of the Commonwealth, returns of votes.

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Distinguished guests.

Dedicated

employees,-

recognition

House

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013.

LIST OF PERSONS ELECTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012, AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2013 — 2014.

D-Democrat. R-Republican.

\bullet Barnstable County \bullet

- DISTRICT 1 CLEON H. TURNER (D) OF DENNIS Barnstable: Precinct 1; Brewster: Precincts 1, 2; Dennis; Yarmouth: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7.
- DISTRICT 2 BRIAN R. MANNAL (D) OF BARNSTABLE Barnstable: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13; Yarmouth: Precincts 5, 6.
- DISTRICT 3 DAVID T. VIEIRA (R) OF FALMOUTH Bourne: Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6; Falmouth: Precincts 3, 4, 7, 8, 9; Mashpee.
- DISTRICT 4 SARAH K. PEAKE (D) OF PROVINCETOWN Brewster: Precinct 3; Chatham; Eastham; Harwich; Orleans; Provincetown; Truro; Wellfleet.
- DISTRICT 5 RANDY HUNT (R) OF SANDWICH Barnstable: Precincts 11, 12; Bourne: Precincts 1, 2, 7; Sandwich; Plymouth: Precinct 9 (Plymouth).
 - BARNSTABLE, DUKES AND NANTUCKET COUNTIES •
- BARNSTABLE, DUKES AND NANTUCKET TIMOTHY R. MADDEN (D) OF NANTUCKET Falmouth: Precincts 1, 2, 5, 6 (Barnstable Co.); Chilmark (Dukes Co.); Edgartown (Dukes Co.); Aquinnah (Dukes Co.); Gosnold (Dukes Co.); Oak Bluffs (Dukes Co.); Tisbury (Dukes Co.); West Tisbury (Dukes Co.); Nantucket (Nantucket Co.).
 - BERKSHIRE COUNTY •
- DISTRICT 1 GAILANNE M. CARIDDI (D) OF NORTH ADAMS Adams; Cheshire; Clarksburg; Florida; Hancock; Lanesborough; New Ashford; North Adams; Williamstown.
- DISTRICT 2 PAUL W. MARK (D) OF PERU —
 Dalton; Hinsdale; Peru; Pittsfield: Ward 1: Precinct B; Savoy; Windsor; Bernardston (Franklin Co.); Charlemont (Franklin Co.); Colrain (Franklin Co.); Greenfield (Franklin Co.); Hawley (Franklin Co.); Heath (Franklin Co.); Leyden (Franklin Co.); Monroe (Franklin Co.); Northfield (Franklin Co.); Rowe (Franklin Co.).
- DISTRICT 3 TRICIA FARLEY-BOUVIER (D) OF PITTSFIELD Pittsfield: Ward 1: Precinct A, Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.
- DISTRICT 4 WILLIAM SMITTY PIGNATELLI (D) OF LENOX Alford; Becket; Egremont; Great Barrington; Lee; Lenox; Monterey; Mount Washington; New Marlborough; Otis; Richmond; Sandisfield; Sheffield; Stockbridge; Tyringham; Washington; West Stockbridge; Blandford (Hampden Co.); Russell (Hampden Co.); Tolland (Hampden Co.).

• BRISTOL COUNTY •

- DISTRICT 1 F. JAY BARROWS (R) OF MANSFIELD Mansfield: Precincts 2, 3, 6; Norton: Precincts 3, 4, 5; Foxborough (Norfolk Co.).
- DISTRICT 2 PAUL R. HEROUX (D) OF ATTLEBORO Attleboro: Wards 1, 2, Ward 3: Precinct A, Wards 4, 5, 6.

• BRISTOL COUNTY (Continued) •

DISTRICT 3 —	SHAUNNA L. O'CONNELL (R) OF TAUNTON — Easton: Precinct 6; Taunton: Wards 1, 2, Ward 3: Precinct A, Wards 5, 7, 8.
District 4 —	STEVEN S. HOWITT (R) OF SEEKONK — Norton: Precincts 1, 2; Rehoboth; Seekonk; Swansea: Precincts 4, 5.
DISTRICT 5 —	PATRICIA A. HADDAD (D) OF SOMERSET — Dighton; Somerset; Swansea: Precincts 1, 2, 3; Taunton: Ward 6.
District 6 —	DAVID B. SULLIVAN (D) OF FALL RIVER — Fall River: Ward 5: Precincts B, C, Ward 6: Precincts C, Wards 7, 8, 9; Freetown: Precinct 1.
District 7 —	ALLEN SILVIA (D) OF FALL RIVER — Fall River: Ward 1: Precincts B, C, Wards 2, 3, 4, Ward 5: Precinct A.
District 8 —	PAUL A. SCHMID, III (D) OF WESTPORT — Fall River: Ward 1: Precinct A, Ward 6: Precincts A, B; Freetown: Precincts 2, 3; New Bedford: Ward 1, Precincts D, E, F; Westport.
District 9 —	CHRISTOPHER M. MARKEY (D) OF DARTMOUTH — Dartmouth; New Bedford: Ward 3: Precincts D, E, F.
District 10 —	WILLIAM M. STRAUS (D) OF MATTAPOISETT — Fairhaven; New Bedford: Ward 3: Precinct A, Ward 4: Precincts D, E; Marion (Plymouth Co.); Mattapoisett (Plymouth Co.); Rochester (Plymouth Co.).
District 11 —	ROBERT M. KOCZERA (D) OF NEW BEDFORD — Acushnet; New Bedford: Ward 1: Precincts A, B, C, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts B, C.
District 12 —	KEIKO M. ORRALL (R) OF LAKEVILLE — Berkley; Taunton: Ward 3: Precinct B, Ward 4; Lakeville (Plymouth Co.); Middlebor- ough: Precincts 2, 4, 5 (Plymouth Co.).
District 13 —	ANTONIO F. D. CABRAL (D) OF NEW BEDFORD — New Bedford: Ward 4: Precincts A, B, C, F, Wards 5, 6.
District 14 —	ELIZABETH A. POIRIER (R) OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH — Attleboro: Ward 3: Precinct B; Mansfield: Precincts 1, 5; North Attleborough.
	• Essex County •
District 1 —	MICHAEL A. COSTELLO (D) OF NEWBURYPORT — Amesbury; Newburyport; Salisbury.
District 2 —	LEONARD MIRRA (R) OF WEST NEWBURY — Boxford: Precincts 2, 3; Georgetown; Groveland; Haverhill: Ward 4: Precinct 3, Ward 7: Precinct 3; Merrimac; Newbury; West Newbury.
District 3 —	BRIAN S. DEMPSEY (D) OF HAVERHILL — Haverhill: Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct 3, Ward 3, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 6.
District 4 —	BRADFORD R. HILL (R) OF IPSWICH — Hamilton; Ipswich; Manchester-by-the-Sea; Rowley; Topsfield; Wenham.
DISTRICT 5 —	Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D) Gloucester — Essex; Gloucester; Rockport.
DISTRICT 6 —	JERALD A. PARISELLA (D) OF BEVERLY — Beverly.
District 7 —	JOHN D. KEENAN (D) OF SALEM — Salem.
DISTRICT 8 —	LORI A. EHRLICH (D) MARBLEHEAD — Lynn: Ward 3: Precinct 4, Ward 4: Precinct 4; Marblehead; Swampscott.

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- DISTRICT 9 DONALD H. WONG (R) OF SAUGUS Lynn: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2; Saugus: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Wakefield: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 7 (Middlesex Co.).
- DISTRICT 10 ROBERT F. FENNELL (D) OF LYNN Lynn: Ward 1: Precincts 3, 4, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 5: Precincts 2, 3.
- DISTRICT 11 STEVEN M. WALSH (D) OF LYNN Lynn: Ward 4: Precinct 3, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 4, Wards 6, 7; Nahant.
- DISTRICT 12 JOYCE A. SPILIOTIS (D) OF PEABODY Peabody: Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 3.¹
- DISTRICT 13 THEODORE C. SPELIOTIS (D) OF DANVERS Danvers; Middleton: Precinct 2; Peabody: Ward 5: Precinct 2, Ward 6.
- DISTRICT 14 DIANA DIZOGLIO (D) OF METHUEN Haverhill: Ward 7: Precinct 2; Lawrence: Ward A: Precincts 1, 3, Ward F: Precinct 1; Methuen: Precincts 3, 7, 10; North Andover: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
- DISTRICT 15 LINDA DEAN CAMPBELL (D) OF METHUEN Haverhill: Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 5: Precinct 2, Ward 7: Precinct 1; Methuen: Precincts 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12.
- DISTRICT 16 MARCOS A. DEVERS (D) OF LAWRENCE Lawrence: Ward A: Precincts 2, 4, Ward B, Ward C: Precinct 4, Ward E: Precincts 2, 3, 4, Ward F: Precinct 2, 3, 4.
- DISTRICT 17 FRANK A. MORAN (D) OF LAWRENCE Andover: Precincts 2, 3, 4; Lawrence: Ward C, Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward D, Ward E, Precinct 1; Methuen: Precinct 2.
- DISTRICT 18 JAMES J. LYONS, JR. (R) OF ANDOVER Andover: Precincts 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Boxford: Precinct 1; North Andover: Precincts 6, 7, 8; Tewksbury: Precincts 3, 3A (Middlesex County).

• FRANKLIN COUNTY •

- DISTRICT 1 STEPHEN KULIK (D) OF WORTHINGTON —
 Ashfield; Buckland; Conway; Deerfield; Leverett; Montague; Shelburne; Shutesbury; Sunderland; Whately; Chester (Hampden Co.); Chesterfield (Hampshire Co.); Cummington (Hampshire Co); Goshen (Hampshire Co); Huntington (Hampshire Co.); Middlefield (Hampshire Co); Plainfield (Hampshire Co.); Williamsburg (Hampshire Co.); Worthington (Hampshire Co.).
- DISTRICT 2 DENISE ANDREWS (D) OF ORANGE Erving; Gill; New Salem; Orange; Warwick; Wendell; Belchertown: Precinct A (Hampshire Co.); Athol (Worcester Co.); Petersham (Worcester Co.); Phillipston (Worcester Co.); Royalson (Worcester Co.); Templeton (Worcester Co.).

• HAMPDEN COUNTY •

- DISTRICT 1 TODD M. SMOLA (R) OF WARREN Brimfield; Holland; Palmer; Wales; Ware: Precincts B, C (Hampshire Co.); Sturbridge (Worcester Co.); Warren (Worcester Co.).
- DISTRICT 2 BRIAN M. ASHE (D) LONGMEADOW East Longmeadow: Precincts 2, 3, 4; Hampden; Longmeadow; Monson.
- DISTRICT 3 NICHOLAS A. BOLDYGA (R) OF SOUTHWICK Agawam; Granville; Southwick.

^{1.} Died, November 29, 2012.

• HAMPDEN COUNTY (Continued) •

District 4 —	DONALD F. HUMASON, JR. (R) OF WESTFIELD — Westfield.
District 5 —	AARON VEGA (D) OF HOLYOKE — Holyoke.
District 6 —	MICHAEL J. FINN (D) OF WEST SPRINGFIELD — Chicopee: Ward 2: Precinct A, Ward 3: Precinct A, Ward 4: Precinct A; Springfield: Ward 2: Precinct E; West Springfield.
District 7 —	THOMAS M. PETROLATI (D) OF LUDLOW — Chicopee: Ward 6: Precinct B; Ludlow; Springfield: Ward 8: Precincts E, F, G; Belchertown: Precincts B, C, D (Hampshire Co.).
District 8 —	JOSEPH F. WAGNER (D) OF CHICOPEE — Chicopee: Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct B, Ward 3: Precinct B, Ward 4: Precinct B, Ward 5: Precinct B, Ward 6: Precinct A, Wards 7, 8, 9.
District 9 —	SEAN CURRAN (D) OF SPRINGFIELD — Chicopee: Ward 5: Precinct A; Springfield: Ward 2: Precincts A, B, C, D, F, G, Ward 5: Precincts C, D, G, H, Ward 7: Precincts F, H, Ward 8: Precincts A, B, D, H.
District 10 —	CHERYL A. COAKLEY-RIVERA (D) OF SPRINGFIELD — Springfield: Ward 1, Ward 3: Precincts B, C, D, E, F, G, H, Ward 6: Precincts A, B, F.
District 11 —	BENJAMIN SWAN (D) OF SPRINGFIELD — Springfield: Ward 2: Precinct H, Ward 3: Precinct A, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precincts A, B, E, F, Ward 6: Precinct E, Ward 7: Precinct A, Ward 8: Precinct C.
District 12 —	ANGELO J. PUPPOLO, JR. (D) OF SPRINGFIELD — East Longmeadow: Precinct 1; Springfield: Ward 6: Precincts C, D, G, H, Ward 7: Precincts B, C, D, E, G; Wilbraham.
	• Hampshire County •
District 1 —	PETER V. KOCOT (D) OF NORTHAMPTON — Hatfield; Northampton; Southampton; Westhampton; Montgomery (Hampden Co.).
DISTRICT 2 —	JOHN W. SCIBAK (D) OF SOUTH HADLEY — Easthampton; Granby: Precinct 2; Hadley; South Hadley.
DISTRICT 3 —	ELLEN STORY (D) OF AMHERST — Amherst; Granby: Precinct 1; Pelham.
	• Middlesex County •
District 1 —	SHEILA C. HARRINGTON (R) OF GROTON — Ayer: Precinct 1; Ashby; Dunstable; Groton; Pepperell; Townsend.
DISTRICT 2 —	JAMES ARCIERO (D) OF WESTFORD — Chelmsford: Precincts 5, 7, 8; Littleton; Westford.
DISTRICT 3 —	KATE HOGAN (D) OF STOW — Hudson; Maynard; Stow; Bolton (Worcester Co.).
District 4 —	DANIELLE W. GREGOIRE (D) OF MARLBOROUGH — Marlborough: Ward 2: Precinct 1, Wards 3, 4, 5, 6, Ward 7: Precinct 2; Northborough: Precincts 1, 3 (Worcester Co.); Westborough: Precinct 1, 3 (Worcester Co.).
DISTRICT 5 —	DAVID PAUL LINSKY (D) OF NATICK — Natick; Sherborn; Millis: Precincts 2, 3 (Norfolk Co.).
DISTRICT 6 —	CHRIS WALSH (D) OF FRAMINGHAM — Framingham: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15.
DISTRICT 7 —	TOM SANNICANDRO (D) OF ASHLAND — Ashland; Framingham: Precincts 8, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18.

- DISTRICT 8 CAROLYN C. DYKEMA (D) HOLLISTON Holliston; Hopkinton; Southborough (Worcester Co.); Westborough: Precinct 2 (Worcester Co.).
- DISTRICT 9 THOMAS M. STANLEY (D) OF WALTHAM Lincoln; Waltham: Wards 1, 2, 3, Ward 4: Precinct 1, Ward 5: Precinct 2, Ward 6: Precinct 1, Ward 7: Precinct 1.
- DISTRICT 10 JOHN J. LAWN, JR. (D) OF WATERTOWN Newton: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 4; Waltham: Ward 4: Precinct 2, Ward 5: Precinct 1, Ward 6: Precinct 2, Ward 7: Precinct 2, Wards 8, 9; Watertown: Precincts 10, 11, 12.
- DISTRICT 11 KAY S. KHAN (D) OF NEWTON Newton: Ward 1: Precincts 2, 3, Wards 2, 3, 4, Ward 7: Precinct 2.
- DISTRICT 12 RUTH B. BALSER (D) OF NEWTON Newton: Wards 5, 6, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 3, 4, Ward 8.
- DISTRICT 13 THOMAS P. CONROY (D) OF WAYLAND Framingham: Precinct 3; Marlborough: Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct 2, Ward 7: Precinct 1; Sudbury; Wayland: Precincts 1, 2, 3.
- DISTRICT 14 CORY ATKINS (D) OF CONCORD Acton: Precincts 1, 2, 6; Carlisle; Chelmsford: Precincts 1, 9; Concord.
- DISTRICT 15 JAY R. KAUFMAN (D) OF LEXINGTON Lexington; Woburn: Wards 1, 7.
- DISTRICT 16 THOMAS A. GOLDEN, JR. (D) OF LOWELL Chelmsford: Precincts 2, 3, 6; Lowell: Wards 5, 6, 9.
- DISTRICT 17 DAVID M. NANGLE (D) OF LOWELL Chelmsford: Precinct 4; Lowell: Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct 3, Ward 4: Precincts 2, 3, Wards 10, 11.
- DISTRICT 18 KEVIN J. MURPHY (D) OF LOWELL Lowell: Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 3, Ward 4: Precinct 1, Wards 7, 8.
- DISTRICT 19 JAMES R. MICELI (D) OF WILMINGTON Tewksbury: Precincts 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 4, 4A; Wilmington: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6.
- DISTRICT 20 BRADLEY H. JONES, JR. (R) OF NORTH READING North Reading; Reading: Precincts 1, 6, 7, 8; Lynnfield (Essex Co.); Middleton: Precinct 1 (Essex Co.).
- DISTRICT 21 KENNETH GORDON (D) OF BEDFORD Bedford; Burlington; Wilmington: Precinct 3.
- DISTRICT 22 MARC T. LOMBARDO (R) OF BILLERICA Billerica.
- DISTRICT 23 SEAN GARBALLEY (D) OF ARLINGTON Arlington: Precincts 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21; Medford: Ward 3: Precinct 2, Ward 6: Precincts 1, 2.
- DISTRICT 24 DAVID M. ROGERS (D) OF CAMBRIDGE Arlington: Precincts 2, 4, 8, 10, 12; Belmont; Cambridge: Ward 11: Precincts 1, 3.
- DISTRICT 25 MARJORIE C. DECKER (D) OF CAMBRIDGE Cambridge: Ward 4, Ward 6: Precincts 2, 3, Wards 7, 8, Ward 10: Precincts 1, 2.
- DISTRICT 26 TIMOTHY J. TOOMEY, JR. (D) OF CAMBRIDGE Cambridge: Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct 1, Ward 3, Ward 6: Precinct 1; Somerville: Ward 1, Ward 2: Precinct 1.
- DISTRICT 27 DENISE PROVOST (D) OF SOMERVILLE Somerville: Ward 2: Precincts 2, 3, Wards 3, 5, 6.

	• MIDDLESEX COUNTY (Continued) •
DISTRICT 28 —	STEVEN STAT SMITH (D) OF EVERETT — Everett. ¹
District 29 —	JONATHAN HECHT (D) OF WATERTOWN — Cambridge: Ward 9, Ward 10: Precinct 3, Ward 11: Precinct 2; Watertown: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.
District 30 —	JAMES J. DWYER (D) OF WOBURN — Reading: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5; Woburn: Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
District 31 —	JASON M. LEWIS (D) OF WINCHESTER — Stoneham; Winchester.
District 32 —	PAUL A. BRODEUR (D) OF MELROSE — Malden: Ward 5: Precinct 2; Melrose; Wakefield: Precincts 4, 5, 6.
District 33 —	CHRISTOPHER G. FALLON (D) OF MALDEN — Malden: Ward 2, Ward 3: Precinct 1, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precinct 1, Ward 6, Ward 7: Precinct 2, Ward 8.
District 34 —	CARL M. SCIORTINO, JR. (D) OF MEDFORD — Medford: Wards 4, 5, Ward 7: Precinct 1, Ward 8: Precinct 2; Somerville: Wards 4, 7.
District 35 —	PAUL J. DONATO (D) OF MEDFORD — Malden: Ward 1, Ward 3: Precinct 2, Ward 7: Precinct 1; Medford: Wards 1, 2, Ward 3: Precinct 1, Ward 7: Precinct 2, Ward 8: Precinct 1.
District 36 —	Colleen M. Garry (D) of Dracut — Dracut; Tyngsborough.
District 37 —	JENNIFER E. BENSON (D) LUNENBURG — Acton: Precincts 3, 4, 5; Ayer: Precinct 2; Boxborough; Shirley; Harvard (Worcester Co.); Lunenburg: Precincts A, C, D (Worcester Co.).
	• Norfolk County •
District 1 —	BRUCE J. AYERS (D) OF QUINCY — Quincy: Ward 3: Precincts 4, 5, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 5: Precinct 2, Ward 6; Randolph: Precincts 5, 6, 11, 12.
DISTRICT 2 —	TACKEY CHAN (D) OF QUINCY — Quincy: Ward 1, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 4: Precincts 2, 4, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 3, 4, 5.
DISTRICT 3 —	RONALD MARIANO (D) OF QUINCY — Holbrook: Precincts 2, 3, 4; Quincy: Ward 2, Ward 4: Precinct 5; Weymouth: Precincts 5, 6, 9, 12, 16.
District 4 —	JAMES M. MURPHY (D) OF WEYMOUTH — Weymouth: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18; Hingham: Precinct 2 (Plymouth Co.).
District 5 —	MARK J. CUSACK (D) OF BRAINTREE — Braintree; Holbrook: Precinct 1; Randolph: Precinct 4.
DISTRICT 6 —	WILLIAM C. GALVIN (D) OF CANTON — Avon; Canton; Stoughton: Precincts 1, 5, 7, 8.
District 7 —	WALTER F. TIMILTY (D) OF MILTON — Milton: Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; Randolph: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10.

^{1.} Declined to accept office.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013.

- DISTRICT 8 LOUIS L. KAFKA (D) OF STOUGHTON Sharon; Stoughton: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 6; Walpole: Precincts 3, 4; Mansfield: Precinct 4 (Bristol Co.).
- DISTRICT 9 DANIEL B. WINSLOW (R) OF NORFOLK Medfield: Precincts 3, 4; Millis: Precinct 1; Norfolk; Plainville; Walpole: Precinct 5; Wrentham.
- DISTRICT 10 JEFFREY N. ROY (D) OF FRANKLIN Franklin; Medway: Precincts 2, 3, 4.
- DISTRICT 11 PAUL MCMURTRY (D) OF DEDHAM Dedham; Walpole: Precinct 8; Westwood.
- DISTRICT 12 JOHN H. ROGERS (D) OF NORWOOD Norwood; Walpole: Precincts 1, 2, 6, 7.
- DISTRICT 13 DENISE C. GARLICK (D) OF NEEDHAM Dover; Medfield: Precincts 1, 2; Needham.
- DISTRICT 14 ALICE HANLON PEISCH (D) OF WELLESLEY Wellesley; Wayland: Precinct 4 (Middlesex Co.); Weston (Middlesex Co.).
- DISTRICT 15 FRANK I. SMIZIK (D) OF BROOKLINE Brookline: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

• Plymouth County •

- DISTRICT 1 VIRIATO MANUEL DEMACEDO (R) OF PLYMOUTH Plymouth: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15.
- DISTRICT 2 SUSAN WILLIAMS GIFFORD (R) OF WAREHAM Carver; Middleborough: Precincts 3, 6; Wareham.
- DISTRICT 3 GARRETT J. BRADLEY (D) OF HINGHAM Hingham: Precincts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6; Hull; Scituate: Precinct 3; Cohasset (Norfolk Co.).
- DISTRICT 4 JAMES M. CANTWELL (D) OF MARSHFIELD Marshfield; Scituate: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6.
- DISTRICT 5 RHONDA L. NYMAN (D) OF HANOVER Hanover; Norwell; Rockland.
- DISTRICT 6 JOSH S. CUTLER (D) OF DUXBURY Duxbury: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; Hanson; Pembroke.
- DISTRICT 7 GEOFF DIEHL (R) OF WHITMAN Abington; East Bridgewater: Precincts 2, 3, 4; Whitman.
- DISTRICT 8 ANGELO L. D'EMILIA (R) OF BRIDGEWATER Bridgewater; Raynham (Bristol Co.).
- DISTRICT 9 MICHAEL D. BRADY (D) OF BROCKTON Brockton: Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts A, B, C, Ward 4: Precincts A, D, Ward 5: Precinct A, Ward 7: Precincts A, B.
- DISTRICT 10 CHRISTINE E. CANAVAN (D) OF BROCKTON Brockton: Ward 4: Precincts B, C, Ward 5: Precincts B, C, D, Ward 6; East Bridgewater: Precinct 1; West Bridgewater.
- DISTRICT 11 CLAIRE D. CRONIN (D) OF EASTON Brockton: Ward 1, Ward 3: Precinct D, Ward 7: Precincts C, D; Easton: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (Bristol Co.)
- DISTRICT 12 THOMAS J. CALTER (D) OF KINGSTON Duxbury: Precinct 1; Halifax; Kingston; Middleborough: Precinct 1; Plymouth: Precincts 1, 11, 13; Plympton.

• SUFFOLK COUNTY •

CARLO BASILE (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.
EUGENE L. O'FLAHERTY (D) OF CHELSEA — Boston: Ward 2; Chelsea: Wards 1, 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 4.
AARON MICHLEWITZ (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 5: Precinct 1.
NICK COLLINS (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 1: Precinct 15, Ward 6, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Ward 13: Precinct 3.
CARLOS TONY HENRIQUEZ (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 7: Precinct 10, Ward 8: Precincts 5, 6, 7, Ward 12: Precinct 6, Ward 13: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, Ward 14: Precinct 1, Ward 15: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, Ward 17: Precincts 1, 2.
RUSSELL E. HOLMES (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 14: Precincts 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Ward 17: Precincts 6, 7, 8, 9, Ward 18: Precincts 7, 8, Ward 19: Precinct 12.
GLORIA L. FOX (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 4: Precincts 8, 9, 10, Ward 5: Sub-precinct 2A, Ward 9: Precincts 4, 5, Ward 12: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, Ward 21: Precinct 1.
MARTHA M. WALZ (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 3: Precinct 5, Ward 4: Precinct 6, Ward 5: Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11; Cambridge: Ward 2: Precincts 2, 3, Ward 5 (Middlesex Co.).
BYRON RUSHING (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 4: Precincts 2, 4, 5, 7, Ward 5: Precincts 2, 10, Ward 8: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4; Ward 9: Precincts 1, 2, 3.
EDWARD F. COPPINGER (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 20: Precincts 1, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20; Brook- line: Precincts 14, 15, 16 (Norfolk Co.).
ELIZABETH A. MALIA (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 11, Ward 12: Precincts 7, 9, Ward 14: Precinct 3, Ward 19: Precincts 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13.
LINDA DORCENA FORRY (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 16: Precincts 8, 11, Ward 17: Precincts 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Ward 18: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 21; Milton: Precincts 1, 2 (Norfolk Co.).
MARTIN J. WALSH (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 7: Precinct 9, Ward 13: Precincts 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Ward 15: Precinct 6, Ward 16: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, Ward 17: Precincts 3, 5; Quincy: Ward 3: Precinct 3 (Norfolk Co.).
ANGELO M. SCACCIA (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 18: Precincts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, Ward 20: Precincts 3, 8, 9.
JEFFREY SÁNCHEZ (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 10, Ward 19: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, Ward 20: Precincts 2, 4; Brook- line: Precinct 5 (Norfolk Co.).
KATHI-ANNE REINSTEIN (D) OF REVERE — Chelsea: Ward 3: Precincts 2, 4, Ward 4: Precincts 2, 3; Revere: Ward 1: Precinct 3, Ward 3: Precinct 1, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 6; Saugus: Precincts 3, 10 (Essex Co.).

DISTRICT 17 — KEVIN G. HONAN (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 21: Precincts 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, Ward 22: Precincts 2, 3, 6, 9, 10. DISTRICT 18 — MICHAEL J. MORAN (D) OF BOSTON — Boston: Ward 21: Precincts 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 16, Ward 22: Precincts 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13; Brookline: Precinct 1 (Norfolk Co.). DISTRICT 19 — ROBERT A. DELEO (D) OF WINTHROP — Revere: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 2, 3, Ward 5: Precinct 3; Winthrop. • WORCESTER COUNTY • DISTRICT 1 — KIMBERLEY N. FERGUSON (R) OF HOLDEN -Holden; Paxton, Princeton; Rutland; Sterling: Precinct 1; Westminster: Precinct 2. DISTRICT 2 — JONATHAN D. ZLOTNIK (D) OF GARDNER — Ashburnham; Gardner; Winchendon; Westminster: Precinct 1. DISTRICT 3 — STEPHEN L. DINATALE (D) OF FITCHBURG — Fitchburg; Lunenburg: Precinct B. DISTRICT 4 — DENNIS A. ROSA (D) OF LEOMINSTER — Leominster. DISTRICT 5 — ANNE M. GOBI (D) OF SPENCER -Barre; Brookfield; East Brookfield; Hardwick; Hubbardston; New Braintree; North Brookfield; Oakham; Spencer: Precincts 2, 3, 4; West Brookfield; Ware: Precinct A (Hampshire Co.). DISTRICT 6 — PETER J. DURANT (R) OF SPENCER — Charlton: Precincts 1, 2, 3; Dudley; Southbridge; Spencer: Precinct 1. DISTRICT 7 — PAUL K. FROST (R) OF AUBURN — Auburn; Charlton: Precinct 4; Millbury; Oxford: Precincts 2, 3. DISTRICT 8 — KEVIN J. KUROS (R) OF UXBRIDGE -Blackstone; Millville; Uxbridge; Bellingham (Norfolk Co.). DISTRICT 9 — GEORGE N. PETERSON, JR., (R) OF GRAFTON — Grafton; Northbridge; Upton. DISTRICT 10 — JOHN V. FERNANDES (D) OF MILFORD — Hopedale; Mendon; Milford; Medway: Precinct 1 (Norfolk Co.). DISTRICT 11 — MATTHEW A. BEATON (R) OF SHREWSBURY — Shrewsbury; Westborough: Precincts 4, 5. DISTRICT 12 — HAROLD P. NAUGHTON, JR., (D) OF CLINTON — Berlin; Boylston; Clinton; Lancaster; Northborough: Precincts 2, 4; Sterling: Precinct 2. DISTRICT 13 — JOHN J. MAHONEY (D) OF WORCESTER — Worcester: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 3: Precinct 2, Ward 9, Ward 10: Precinct 1. DISTRICT 14 — JAMES J. O'DAY (D) OF WEST BOYLSTON — West Boylston; Worcester: Ward 1: Precinct 5, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 3, 5. DISTRICT 15 - MARY S. KEEFE (D) OF WORCESTER -Worcester: Ward 3: Precinct 4, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precinct 3, Ward 10: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. DISTRICT 16 — JOHN P. FRESOLO (D) OF WORCESTER — Worcester: Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, Ward 6, Ward 8: Precincts 1, 5. DISTRICT 17 — JOHN J. BINIENDA (D) OF WORCESTER -Leicester; Worcester: Ward 7, Ward 8: Precincts 2, 3, 4. DISTRICT 18 — RYAN C. FATTMAN (R) OF SUTTON — Douglas; Oxford: Precincts 1, 4; Sutton; Webster.

The report was read; and, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, it was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

December 31, 2012.

The Honorable Steven T. James *Clerk of the House* State House, Room 145 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Representativeelect Stephen Stat Smith, declining of office.

Enclosed please find a copy of the written correspondence from Representative Stephen Stat Smith dated December 31, 2012 in which he states that he declines to accept the office to which he was elected on November 6, 2012.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The communication was read; and it was placed on file.

January 2, 2013.

Steven T. James, Clerk *House of Representatives* State House, Room 145 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Please be advised that, at a Republican Caucus held on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 in hearing room B-1, with all twenty-nine (29) members present, I, Bradley H. Jones, Jr., was re-elected as Minority Leader.

Please contact me should you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

BRADLEY H. JONES, JR., Minority Leader.

The communication was read; and it was placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Miceli of Wilmington ,---

Ordered, That a special committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members-elect of the House of Representatives have assembled, and that they are ready to take the oaths and affirmations of qualification.

Representatives-elect Dykema of Holliston, Fennell of Lynn, Winslow of Norfolk, Garballey of Arlington, Andrews of Orange, McMurtry of Dedham, Gobi of Spencer, Pignatelli of Lenox, Basile of Boston, Schmid of Westport, DiNatale of Fitchburg, Holmes of Boston, Puppolo of Springfield, Frost of Auburn, Rushing of Boston,

Election of Minority Leader.

Governor notified. Ferrante of Gloucester, Coppinger of Boston, Galvin of Canton, Smizik of Brookline, D'Emilia of Bridgewater, Donato of Medford and Kafka of Stoughton were appointed the committee.

Subsequently (Mr. Miceli of Wilmington being in the Chair) Ms. Dykema of Holliston, for the committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned to them, and that the Governor had stated that he would attend forthwith and administer the oaths of office.

Soon afterward His Excellency the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, accompanied by the Honorable Timothy P. Murray, Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth, the Honorable Suzanne M. Bump, Auditor of the Commonwealth, and the Honorable Council came in; the oaths and affirmation required by the Constitution and laws were administered by the Governor to the members-elect then present, and were subscribed by them; after which His Excellency declared that the House was duly qualified to enter upon the discharge of its duties.

Organization of the House.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston having returned to the Chair, on motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That the House proceed to the election of a Speaker, without nominations, and that the election be held in the following manner: The roll call shall be called by the Clerk and each member present, in response to his/her name, shall arise and announce the name of the member for whom he/she votes. The roll was called; and (Mr. Swan of Springfield being in the Chair) the following named members voted for Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop:

> Andrews, Denise Arciero, James Ashe, Brian M. Atkins, Corv Avers, Bruce J. Balser, Ruth B. Basile, Carlo Benson, Jennifer E. Binienda, John J. Bradley, Garrett J. Brady, Michael D. Brodeur, Paul Cabral, Antonio F. D. Calter, Thomas J. Campbell, Linda Dean Canavan, Christine E. Cantwell, James M. Cariddi, Gailanne M. Chan, Tackey Coakley-Rivera, Cheryl A. Collins, Nick Conroy, Thomas P. Coppinger, Edward F. Costello, Michael A. Cronin, Claire D. Curran, Sean Cusack, Mark J. Cutler, Josh S.

Decker, Marjorie C. DeLeo, Robert A. Dempsey, Brian S. Devers, Marcos A. DiNatale, Stephen L. DiZoglio, Diana Donato, Paul J. Dwyer, James J. Dykema, Carolyn C. Ehrlich, Lori A. Fallon, Christopher G. Farley-Bouvier, Tricia Fennell, Robert F. Fernandes, John V. Ferrante, Ann-Margaret Finn, Michael J. Forry, Linda Dorcena Fox, Gloria L. Fresolo, John P. Galvin, William C. Garballey, Sean Garlick, Denise C. Garry, Colleen M. Gobi, Anne M. Golden, Thomas A., Jr. Gordon, Kenneth I. Gregoire, Danielle W. Haddad, Patricia A.

Oaths of office administered by the Governor.

Election of Speaker.

Election of Speaker. Hecht, Jonathan Henriquez, Carlos Heroux, Paul R. Hogan, Kate Holmes, Russell E. Honan, Kevin G. Keenan, John D. Khan, Kay Kafka, Louis L. Kaufman, Jay R. Keefe, Mary S. Kocot, Peter V. Koczera, Robert M. Kulik, Stephen Lawn, John J., Jr. Lewis, Jason M. Linsky, David Paul Madden, Timothy R. Mahoney, John J. Malia, Elizabeth A. Mannal, Brian R. Mariano, Ronald Mark, Paul W. Markey, Christopher M. McMurtry, Paul Miceli, James R. Michlewitz, Aaron Moran, Frank A. Moran, Michael J. Murphy, James M. Murphy, Kevin J. Nangle, David M. Naughton, Harold P., Jr. Nyman, Rhonda L. O'Day, James J. O'Flaherty, Eugene L.

Parisella, Jerald A. Peake, Sarah K. Peisch, Alice Hanlon Petrolati, Thomas M. Pignatelli, William Smitty Provost, Denise Puppolo, Angelo J., Jr. Reinstein, Kathi-Anne Rogers, David M. Rogers, John H. Rosa, Dennis A. Roy, Jeffrey N. Rushing, Byron Sannicandro, Tom Scaccia, Angelo M. Schmid, Paul A. III Scibak, John W. Sciortino, Carl M., Jr. Silvia, Alan Smizik, Frank I. Speliotis, Theodore C. Stanley, Thomas M. Story, Ellen Straus, William M. Sullivan, David B. Swan, Benjamin Timilty, Walter F. Toomey, Timothy J., Jr. Turner, Cleon H. Vega, Aaron Wagner, Joseph F. Walsh, Chris Walsh, Martin J. Walsh, Steven M. Walz, Martha M. Zlotnik, Jonathan D.

The following named members voted for Bradley H. Jones, Jr., of North Reading:

Barrows, F. Jay Beaton, Matthew A. Boldyga, Nicholas A. deMacedo, Viriato Manuel D'Emilia, Angelo L. Diehl, Geoffrey G. Durant, Peter J. Fattman, Ryan C. Ferguson, Kimberly N. Frost, Paul K. Gifford, Susan Williams Harrington, Sheila C. Hill, Bradford Howitt, Steven S. Humason, Donald F., Jr. Hunt, Randy Jones, Bradley H., Jr. Kuros, Kevin J. Lombardo, Marc T. Lyons, James J., Jr. Mirra, Leonard O'Connell, Shaunna L. Orrall, Keiko M. Peterson, George N., Jr. Poirier, Elizabeth A. Smola, Todd M. Vieira, David T. Winslow, Daniel B. Wong, Donald H.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING (1):- Sánchez, Jeffrey - 1.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston then returned to the Chair and announced the result of the vote as follows:

Whole number of votes	
Necessary for a choice	
Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop had	128
Bradley H. Jones, Jr., of North Reading had	29

And Mr. DeLeo was declared elected.

Mr. Swan of Springfield being in the Chair,— On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That, a special committee consisting of fourteen members be appointed to escort Speaker DeLeo to the Chamber, under escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Chair (Mr. Swan), then appointed Representatives Fallon of Malden, Koczera of New Bedford, Poirier of North Attleborough, Rogers of Norwood, Toomey of Cambridge, Reinstein of Revere, Dempsey of Haverhill, Sullivan of Fall River, Provost of Somerville, Calter of Kingston, Mahoney of Worcester, Petrolati of Ludlow, Garry of Dracut, Fresolo of Worcester, Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, Curran of Springfield, Ashe of Longmeadow, Arciero of Westford, Rosa of Leominster and Henriquez of Boston, to the committee.

Soon thereafter the committee reported that they had completed their assignment, whereupon the Speaker entered the Chamber under escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Remarks of Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop.

Speaker DeLeo then made remarks to the members, guests, employees, and to the citizens of the Commonwealth, as follows:—

Ashley Bernard. Thank you so much. Your voice is a gift, and your performance is an inspiring way to start the New Year.

Thank you, my friends. This day carries great meaning for me. It was a great honor for me to be reelected to the House of Representatives in November, and I'm deeply grateful to the people of the 19th Suffolk District once again for calling on me to be their State Representative. Likewise, I'm profoundly grateful to have been given the opportunity, by you, my colleagues, to lead this distinguished group of legislators as Speaker.

Standing here at the rostrum, I'm reminded of the history of our Chamber. I can't help but think of the debates long past and the leaders who helped guide Massachusetts through its challenges. Most of all, I think of the ways in which we have consistently come together to face and overcome difficult and momentous challenges; acting with compassion, skill and thoughtfulness — for the benefit of our communities and our entire Commonwealth.

Last year, when considering questions around health care cost containment, economic development and jobs, and court reorganization, we made the often difficult changes necessary to move our state forward. We will meet this same high standard in the coming session.

Remarks of the Speaker.

Speaker Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop escorted to the Chair by a special committee. Remarks of the Speaker. I begin our session with one of my favorite ceremonial tasks, welcoming our new members. Congratulations to you. I know this day carries the same importance for you as it did for me when I joined the legislature. I look forward to your participation and your advocacy for the people of your districts.

I'm grateful too to have my family with me today. Vicki, my son Rob, my daughter Rachele my sister Carol and her husband Anthony, and my cousins. Thank you for guiding me and supporting me, no matter the unique challenges that public life presents.

I'm also happy to recognize a number of local officials with whom I've been honored to work: Winthrop Town Council President Peter Gill, Winthrop Town Manager Jim McKenna, Revere Mayor Dan Rizzo; and members of the town and city councils and school committees.

Justice Ireland, you have been a partner and a friend. Welcome. A regular attendee of this swearing-in is Mayor Menino. We send you our best. Council President Murphy, thank you for being here on behalf of the Boston City Council.

Thank you to Brad Jones, the House Minority Leader. Mr. Leader, although we at times disagree, I learn from you and enjoy working with you. Sometimes I wish that our counterparts in Washington could work together as effectively as we do.

And finally let me say to Governor Patrick I look forward to working with you and Senate President Murray this year in the same spirit of collegiality and cooperation as we've enjoyed in the past.

Consider our accomplishments last session. We passed the nation's first ever health care cost containment law, which is estimated to save \$200 billion over 15 years. In an initiative that garnered national attention, we changed the way our municipal workers purchase their health insurance. In so doing, in the very first year we saved \$175 million, almost double the \$100 million experts expected. While giving cities and towns the tools they need to effectively manage their books, we have continued our unwavering commitment to local aid. In fact, last year, Geoff Beckwith, the executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, called our local aid funding plan "a remarkable achievement that would benefit every community in Massachusetts".

In addition to local aid and municipal health care, last year we passed groundbreaking economic development legislation aimed at encouraging new employers to locate in Massachusetts and convincing those already here — to stay. We placed a special focus on the innovation economy, and as such our jobs bill tracks our efforts in specific sectors, such as green energy, biotech and gaming. As one example of the results we see from such initiatives, I'm proud to report that last month, a Japanese stem cell company I met with at the BIO International Convention announced their decision to open an office in Massachusetts. We have persisted in our efforts to grow and retain jobs and this persistence has paid off — allowing our state to perform as well as it has during the economic downturn. We will remain committed to legislation that fosters economic growth and prosperity in this session.

Even in tough times, we have shown fiscal prudence. Unlike other states that are drowning in a sea of red ink and relying on IOUs to pay debts, with a rainy day fund at \$1.65 billion, Massachusetts stands out. Two years ago, Standard & Poor's recognized our fiscal management of the state when it increased our bond rating to AA^+ , the highest rating in our state's history – this at a time when other states have seen their ratings decline.

There is no question that our bold decision in 2009 to address 20year-old problems in our transportation system factored into that bond rating increase. As you remember the substantial reforms to our transportation system included implementing health care and pension changes, and making the hard choice to institute a revenue increase to pay down a significant debt liability. These changes remain important steps in the right direction.

Still, large issues loom. Now, the Administration reports to us that MassDOT faces a financing gap of billions of dollars over the next quarter-century they will need to close in order to keep our roads, bridges and tunnels in good repair and that the MBTA confronts what they estimate to be a \$130 million operating deficit in just this fiscal year.

While I'm proud of the important reforms we enacted four years ago, I'm frustrated by the depth of the financial troubles within our transportation system. The root causes, in most cases, predate the sitting governor and those in this Chamber — going as far back to the financing of the Big Dig and before. But it's our job to fix problems, not to dwell on how we got where we are.

As we await MassDOT's plan, I want to lay out some of the principles that will inform our approach to transportation:

- The Department and Administration must consider all opportunities to bring efficiencies to our transportation operations.
- Any transportation plan must reflect a sense of regional equity. The cost burden must not be borne by any one region nor may the plan benefit one region at the expense of other regions of the state.
- Our roads, bridges and tunnels must be maintained in good and safe condition — worthy of the top-flight national standard that we expect our state to have and consistent with our interest in attracting employers to invest in and bring jobs to Massachusetts. I do not accept that safety must be sacrificed for the sake of fiscal solvency, and I will not accept any proposal that does not provide our citizens with the assurance their transportation infrastructure will be safe and state-of-the-art.

As I have heard from members of our business community and civic leaders, the health of our transportation system is central to the economic future of our state. Whether we can fix the system's existing problems and develop a future transportation infrastructure that improves the ability of workers and residents to travel around Massachusetts will be a factor in how our economy performs in the coming years. Accordingly, I am interested in learning about innovative solutions to spur transportation development.

We all know the stakes are high. In order to implement the improvements we seek, we will have to be prepared to make investments.

Transportation is a complex problem. It surely isn't the only one we face. Others can emerge without notice. I, like you, was shaken by the tragedy that took place a little over two hours away in Newtown,

Remarks of the Speaker. Connecticut. As we mourn the lives that fell there, we grapple with solutions. While much of this will take place on the federal level, I believe we must do what we can on the state level as well. Accordingly, I want to bring together members of our House and outside experts to study the dangerous intersection of guns and mental illness in schools and throughout society. I have asked Jack McDevitt, the associate dean of Northeastern University, to help lead this effort. He is here with us today.

Again, on the issue of the economy, I continue to hear from the business community about increasing unemployment insurance rates. The schedule can lead to sudden and additional burdens on employers and cost jobs. Sensitive to these concerns, I will ask that the House once again freeze the UI increase. Because this appears to have become a semi-permanent condition, I will ask the appropriate committees to study ways in which we can reform our UI system to deal with our long-term liabilities while mitigating the burden on employers.

My friends and colleagues, we face serious responsibilities. This session they involve dealing with fiscal problems throughout state government and our transportation system, protecting existing jobs and creating new ones and healing in the wake of tragic events in neighboring states. My fellow representatives, I assure you we are up to these tasks. Once again, we will rise to the occasion and leave Massachusetts in a better position than when we started.

 God bless America and God bless the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Remarks of Representative Jones of North Reading.

Mr. Jones of North Reading then made remarks to the members, guests, employees, and to the citizens of the Commonwealth; and, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the remarks were spread upon records of the House, as follows:—

Thank you Mr. Speaker, and through you to the members, their families, and distinguished guests.

It is my honor to stand before you today on the occasion of the 188th Biennial Session. Today is a day for new beginnings, renewed commitments, and hope for a brighter future.

I wish to begin by thanking the residents of the Twentieth Middlesex District for their continued support and confidence in allowing me to serve them. It has been an honor and privilege to represent them and I look forward to continuing to work on their behalf during the new legislative session.

We are joined today in this historic chamber, and in this State House, by our family and friends; those special individuals who have worked on our behalf and made tremendous personal sacrifices so that we may serve the citizens of Massachusetts. Their unwavering commitment and support demonstrated not only on the campaign trail, but through the late night meetings, weekend events, missed family occasions, and the occasional public criticism is truly commendable. This support allows us to dedicate ourselves to this job. Our families keep us grounded and serve as the constant reminders each day that we must give 100% of ourselves to our constituents and that we must do so with honor and integrity.

Remarks of the Minority Leader. I ask that you join me in applauding them and giving them the recognition and thanks they deserve.

I share today with my wife, Linda, my daughter Alexis and my son Nicholas. Linda is the choreographer of the Jones family, always working to be sure each of us is in the right place at the right time. I don't know where I would be without her behind the scenes organization. I thank her for her profound respect and appreciation for the importance of my job so that I may serve at the highest level.

My Nicholas and Alexis serve as constant reminders to me that no matter how difficult the day, or how tough the vote, that I am the beneficiary of that unconditional love that children have for their parents. They welcome me home every night and lift up my life in so many countless ways. I am pleased that today was a school holiday so we could enjoy this ceremony together.

I would like to recognize the members of the Republican Caucus. I thank them for allowing me the continued privilege of leading them as we enter this extremely important and challenging session. I congratulate the gentleman from West Newbury. We are delighted to have him as the newest member of our Republican Caucus.

To the members of the freshman class, congratulations on becoming a member of a remarkable institution. The next two years will be rewarding and challenging; and you need only be true to yourself and your constituents. To my veteran colleagues, I welcome you back and look forward to the coming session together.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate you on your re-election as the Leader of this governing body. Your Democratic colleagues have demonstrated their faith in you to lead their Caucus and the members the tremendous responsibility to once again lead this historic institution. Over the next two years the challenges we face require each of us to be creative and innovative in the ways we seek to address the issues we face.

When I spoke before this body two years ago I said the upcoming session may seem daunting to many, but it presented real opportunities for bipartisanship. I also said it would present opportunities for reform efforts to take center stage and that we must not be afraid to do the tough work and make the hard choices. Mr. Speaker, we did some of that tough work and made some of those hard choices, but much work remains.

Thomas Jefferson said, "Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." Mr. Speaker, we have work worth doing and it will require hard work. The idea of reform should never be just a passing fad or a political talking point, but a clarion call to action each and every session. As stewards of the taxpayers' money we should always be about finding and creating ways to give the taxpayer an efficient and strong return on their investment.

Each of us has our own opinion of how our economy is doing. No one amongst us can be satisfied that our economy is as strong as it can be. Too many of our fellow citizens are out of work or underemployed. Many of our fellow citizens go to sleep at night concerned about what tomorrow will bring. It is not acceptable in our country, nor should it be in our Commonwealth, that any parent should not believe that their children's future will not be a little brighter and a little better than Remarks of the Minority Leader. theirs was. We need to lead by example, inspire from within, and steady the course of governing for the people.

Mr. Speaker, our last session finished where we should have started; with a focus on jobs and the economy. I believe that this should be the opening sentence and not the closing paragraph of this session. This session Republicans will continue to advocate for opportunities to put Massachusetts on the road to sustainable economic recovery and prosperity. We cannot do it alone nor can we as a legislature defer targeted measures at reducing high unemployment until the very last days of our formal sessions. We need to agree on an agenda and move it forward with swiftness and confidence.

There is no clearer or better message that we can send to the economy and the taxpayers than renewing, in bipartisan fashion, your pledge of the last session Mr. Speaker — to refrain from any statewide tax increase. The way to raise the revenues we need and the revenues we want to fund vital services is by broadening the base not raising the rate. Simple, clear, and fair to all.

History demonstrates that issues which barely draw our attention today will command our focus at some point over the course of the next two years. There can be no doubt that as we assemble here today, economic recovery, fiscal responsibility, and creating an open and transparent state government must be our top priorities.

There is no doubt in my mind that we come to this building with a shared commitment to do what is best for Massachusetts. We do so with the understanding that passionate objections and pointed disagreements on policy and practice are integral parts of the process. However, while our differences may serve to define us we must not let them divide us.

I join my Republican colleagues in renewing our affirmation for the need for a transparent, two-party system which works for the benefit of the people of the Commonwealth. We must not be afraid of coming into this magnificent chamber and engaging one another in debate. Often we find the devil is in the details, and constructive debate is key for such revelations. House Republicans will make our objections known with vigor, pride, and respect. Our commitment to shedding light on the issues of the day and the processes of this House remains a constant.

Republican members of the House are ready to get to work. We have constructive ideas and innovative approaches. We are not entering this session as the party of no, but rather as the party of creative, responsible and principled solutions.

Members of the Great and General Court must remember that while we are only temporary occupants of an enduring and storied institution, the decisions we make will have long-lasting impacts on the citizens we represent. We have a shared task of being worthy stewards of the people's trust and money.

The next chapter in Massachusetts' history begins today. We will undoubtedly encounter some bumps and obstacles on the road ahead. I ask all of us that we come into the building each day with a clear conscience and leave at the end of the day with heads held high. We owe the citizens of the Commonwealth our predecessors, our industry, our creativity, and our principled passion to solving the problems of the day and to leave the Commonwealth a better place. We must be proud of our work and excited about the future.

- May God bless you and may God bless the residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston being in the Chair,— Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop then moved that the House proceed to the election of a Clerk, that the election be by acclamation, and that Steven T. James of Winthrop be so elected Clerk of the House; and this motion was seconded by Representatives Jones of North Reading, Walz of Boston and Holmes of Boston.

The motion unanimously prevailed; Mr. James was elected by acclamation; and the declaration thereof was made by the Speaker.

The Speaker having returned to the Chair,— The Clerk then qualified by taking the following oath, administered by the Speaker:

Whereas, You, Steven T. James, are chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives of the General Court of Massachusetts, you do swear that you will truly enter all votes and orders thereof, and that, in all things relating to your office, you will act faithfully and impartially, according to your best skill and judgment. So help you God.

A communication from the Clerk, announcing that he had appointed Scott J. Mitchell of Burlington, Assistant Clerk of the House, and Timothy Carroll of Quincy, Second Assistant Clerk of the House, was read; and the communication was placed on file.

Under authority conferred by Rule 7, the Speaker announced his appointment of the Reverend Robert F. Quinn of Boston as Chaplain a of the House for the present General Court.

Prayer.

At the request of the Speaker, a prayer was offered by the Reverend Rahsaan Hall, of St. Paul AME of Cambridge, as follows:

Almighty God, maker of all creation, judge of all humanity, we Prayer. humbly come before You on this day and on this occasion to acknowledge Your presence and submit ourselves to Your will. We thank You for the opportunity to serve your people and to effect change in this Commonwealth. These Your servants who have been called, chosen and elected to do good works, to undertake extraordinary tasks and to lead Your people with hope towards a brighter tomorrow gather before You looking to You and seeking your favor.

In the midst of the winds of change that seem to have destroyed those things in high places that were once perceived to be so strong, we look to You. In the midst of those earth moving controversies and tragedies that have shaken us to our core and made unsteady what was once solid ground, we look to You. And in the midst of the oppressive heat from the flames of public scrutiny that is sometimes at the expense of those we care most about we look to You.

And as we look to you we are reminded of Your prophet Elijah who while running for his life for standing up for what was right, looked to You Lord and You instructed him to come out of his cave and observe a great and powerful wind that tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before You, but You Lord were not in the wind. After the

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wind there was an earthquake, but You Lord were not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but You Lord were not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

Lord we know that whisper, we know that still small voice that is You Lord, reminding us that whatever we have done for the least of these we have done unto You, we know that still small voice encouraging us to stand for righteousness, we know that still small voice commanding us to act. So let us not be caught up in pomp and circumstance for show and posturing, we know that it is not what we say we will do but rather what we have done and the spirit in which we have done it, for You Lord look upon our hearts and are not concerned with outward appearances. So let us no longer boast in our achievements or exalt ourselves for our accomplishments but rather let us be vessels to be used by You Lord, so that justice will roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

So take these Your servants, who look to You and are listening for Your still small voice, and give them bread for the journey that they would not grow weary in well doing. This we pray in the name of all that is righteous, all that is true, and all that is loving, hence now and forevermore. Amen.

Mr. Golden of Lowell moved that the prayer be spread upon the records of the House; and the motion prevailed.

Notice of Organization of the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate, by a committee thereof, announcing that that branch had been organized by the election of Therese Murray of Plymouth as President and William F. Welch of Milford as Clerk.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Rushing of Boston,-

Ordered, That a special committee be appointed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has been organized by the election of a Speaker and a Clerk.

Representatives Haddad of Somerset, Costello of Newburyport, Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, Heroux of Attleboro, Mannal of Barnstable, Cutler of Duxbury, Zlotnik of Gardner, Forry of Boston, Gordon of Bedford, Chan of Quincy, Gregoire of Marlborough, DiZoglio of Methuen, deMacedo of Plymouth, Durant of Spencer, Howitt of Seekonk, Beaton of Shrewsbury, Orrall of Lakeville, Kuros of Uxbridge, Boldyga of Southwick, Diehl of Whitman, Fattman of Sutton, Lombardo of Billerica, Swan of Springfield and Lewis of Winchester were appointed the committee.

Subsequently Mrs. Haddad, for the committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned to them.

On motion of Mr. Donato of Medford,-

Ordered, That a special committee be appointed to inform His Excellency the Governor and the Council that the House of Representatives has been organized by the election of a Speaker and a Clerk.

Notice of organization of the Senate.

Senate notified of organization of the House.

Committee to notify Governor and Representatives Mariano of Quincy, Cronin of Easton, Decker of Cambridge, Naughton of Clinton, Fox of Boston, Keefe of Worcester, Garlick of Needham, Rogers of Cambridge, Silvia of Fall River, Roy of Franklin, Vega of Holyoke, Moran of Lawrence, D'Emilia of Bridgewater, Mirra of West Newbury, Hunt of Sandwich, Harrington of Groton, Ferguson of Holden, Wong of Saugus, Vieira of Falmouth, Smola of Warren, Gifford of Wareham, Hill of Ipswich, Atkins of Concord and Hecht of Watertown were appointed the committee.

Subsequently Mr. Mariano, for the committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned to them.

On motion of Mr. Binienda of Worcester,-

Ordered, That the Rules of the House of Representatives of 2011-2012 be observed, so far as applicable, until rules shall be adopted by the present House.

On motion of Mr. Puppolo of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the Clerk begin the keeping of, and making available daily in a format determined by the Speaker in consultation with the Clerk, of the Journal, as authorized by House Rule 10, and that the daily reading thereof be dispensed with; that, under authority of Section 22A of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, copies of the Journals for the entire session be printed and bound with the customary appendices and an index; and that an attested bound copy be deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the official Journal of the House.

An order (filed this day with the Clerk by Ms. Campbell of Methuen) was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Campbell; and it was adopted, as follows:

Ordered, That the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Representative in the General Court from the 12th Essex District shall designate Tuesday, April 2, 2013, as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

An order (filed this day with the Clerk by Mr. Timilty of Milton) was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Timilty; and it was adopted, as follows:

Ordered, That the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Representative in the General Court from the 28th Middlesex District shall designate Tuesday, April 2, 2013, as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:

Ordered, That a convention of the two Houses be held at a quarter Convention before twelve o'clock noon on Thursday, January 3, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the several Councillors-elect.

Council of organization of the House.

Temporary House Rules.

Journal of the House.

Twelfth Essex Representative District, time for election to fill vacancy.

Twenty-eighth Middlesex Representative District, time for election to fill vacancy.

Benediction.

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At the request of the Speaker, a blessing was offered by Rabbi Barry Starr of the Temple Israel of Sharon; and, on motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell, it was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:—

As you begin this new session and new year and as you face new and old challenges, our prayers, the prayers of all of the residents of this Commonwealth, are with you, our elected leaders, and indeed with ourselves, all of us, the public that relies on your wisdom, your courage and compassion. Almighty God, Our Creator, help us to recognize that our greatest weakness, being human, is also our greatest strength, being human. As human beings, we can do things through temptation, arrogance and pride, which are indeed despicable. But as human beings, we can also rise to the greatest heights of compassion, kindness, sacrifice and dignity. So God, we pray that You will allow all of us to reach deep, to shun the weakness and use the strength of our human capacity to overcome that weakness, to lead wisely and compassionately, to challenge ourselves always to reach higher and struggle to find the strength of humanity that is in us. Help us, all the citizens of Massachusetts, to realize that you, our leaders, do not need to be perfect, just better each day that you lead us. May you do good. Do it with courage and wisdom. When you achieve, you carry us on your shoulders. Now let us lift you on our shoulders, to reach higher to the best that is within you to care more, to pursue justice more, to love mercy more and to walk humbly with You, Oh God, Master of the Universe. As human beings, we have faith in ourselves. May You, Oh God, have faith in us. Let us say Amen.

Order.

On motion of Ms. Reinstein of Revere,— Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At three minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Speaker Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

Next sitting.