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Wednesday, February 27, 2002.

Met at seven minutes past twelve o'clock noon.

Distinguished Guest.

There being no objection, the President introduced Emily McAteer. Ms. McAteer participated in the drafting of joint Senate-House Resolutions condemning the institution of slavery. Ms. McAteer was the guest of Senators Hart and Fargo.

Committee Changes.

The President announced the resignation of the Senator from Worcester, Ms. Chandler, from the joint committee on Federal Financial Assistance and the appointment of the Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Hart, to the first position on said committee.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Melconian,—

Ordered, That a committee of the Senate be appointed to wait upon Her Honor Jane M. Swift, the Acting Governor, and the Honorable Council and inform them that the Senate is in session and awaits their presence for the swearing in of John A. Hart, Jr., as Senator from the First Suffolk district.

Senators Rosenberg, Resor and Tisei were appointed to the committee.

Subsequently, Mr. Rosenberg, for the committee, reported that Her Honor Jane M. Swift, the Acting Governor, and the Honorable Council would immediately attend upon the Senate. The committee was discharged.

Soon after Jane M. Swift, the Acting Governor, and the Honorable Council came into the Senate Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Honorable John A. Hart, Jr., at sixteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, before the Acting Governor and Council, did take and subscribe the oath of office as State Senator from the First Suffolk district.

After taking the oath of office, Senator Hart briefly addressed the Senate.

Remarks of Senator John A. Hart, Jr.

I am honored by this extraordinary privilege of serving in this historic institution, the Massachusetts State Senate. But I must give credit where credit is due and much of that credit for bestowing this great honor upon me belongs to the many people who have come here today as our guests. So I say thank you to my friends and supporters many of whom worked tirelessly during the winter months, several times in near sub zero temperatures in order to ensure our great victory. Of course, I must thank my

family, most importantly, for literally putting your lives on hold while I pursued my dreams in politics. To my mother and late father, who I know is here with us today in spirit and boy would he have enjoyed this, thank you for the love and support you have given to all of us.

Sisters, Michele, daughters you are my inspiration, Ellen and Harry Uhlman.

And I come here as I did to the House more than five years ago, reminded that we must always cling to the hope, the belief, the conviction, that there is a better life, a better society, a better world, beyond the horizon and through the work that we do, we create that better life, that better world, that hope that those who are less fortunate truly need.

My promise is that I'll approach this job as I've approached everything that I do, with dignity and honor, knowing that I am just a temporary custodian of this storied Senate Seat. I owe that much to the people in the 1st Suffolk Senate District and to the illustrious people who have preceded me here. Once again, thank you for this great honor and thank you for coming here today.

On motion of Mr. Baddour, the remarks were ordered printed in the Senate Journal.

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to wit:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

February 27, 2002.

To the Honorable Senate:

I have the honor to lay before you the return of votes cast at the special election held in this Commonwealth on the twelfth day of February, 2002 for Senator from the First Suffolk District, together with the schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the Senate, as required by the Constitution.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

FOR STATE SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
FIRST SUFFOLK DISTRICT
(to fill vacancy)

Althea Garrison of Boston (Republican) has.....	217 Votes
John A. Hart, Jr., of Boston (Democrat) has.....	4,632 Votes
All others.....	3 Votes
Blanks.....	18 Votes
Total Votes Cast.....	4,870 Votes

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Montigny,—

Ordered, That the returns of votes for Senator to fill a vacancy in the First Suffolk district be referred to a special committee to consist of three members of the Senate.

Senators Glodis, Magnani and Sprague were appointed the committee.

Subsequently, Mr. Glodis, for the committee, reported, that from an examination of the returns, it appears the Honorable John A. Hart, Jr., of Boston had been duly elected to said district.

The report was read and accepted.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Melconian,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at one o'clock P.M.

On motion of Mr. Knapik, at twenty-nine minutes before one o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet on the following day at one o'clock P.M.
