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At a General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, begun and holden at Boston on the first Wednesday, being the seventh day of January, in the year two thousand and fifteen, and the two hundred and thirty-ninth of the independence of the United States of America, and the one hundred and eighty-ninth General Court of the Commonwealth, the following named members-elect of the Senate, having been duly summoned by the Executive, assembled at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., in the Senate Chamber, to wit:-

Hon. Benjamin B. Downing of Pittsfield.....in the Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden District.
Hon. James E. Timilty of Walpole.....in the Bristol and Norfolk District.
Hon. Michael J. Rodrigues of Westport.....in the First Bristol and Plymouth District.
Hon. Mark C. Montigny of New Bedford.....in the Second Bristol and Plymouth District.
Hon. Daniel A. Wolf of Harwich.....in the Cape and Islands District.
Hon. Kathleen A. O'Connor Ives of Newburyport.....in the First Essex District.
Hon. Joan B. Lovely of Salem.....in the Second Essex District.
Hon. Thomas M. McGee of Lynn.....in the Third Essex District.
Hon. Bruce E. Tarr of Gloucester.....in the First Essex and Middlesex District.
Hon. Barbara A. L'Italien of Andover.....in the Second Essex and Middlesex District.
Hon. James T. Welch of West Springfield.....in the Hampden District.
Hon. Eric Philip Lesser of Longmeadow.....in the First Hampden and Hampshire District.
Hon. Donald F. Humason, Jr. of Westfield.....in the Second Hampden and Hampshire District.
Hon. Stanley C. Rosenberg of Amherst.....in the Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester District.
Hon. Eileen M. Donoghue of Lowell.....in the First Middlesex District.
Hon. Patricia D. Jehlen of Somerville.....in the Second Middlesex District.
Hon. Michael J. Barrett of Lexington.....in the Third Middlesex District.
Hon. Kenneth J. Donnelly of Arlington.....in the Fourth Middlesex District.
Hon. Jason M. Lewis of Winchester.....in the Fifth Middlesex District.
Hon. Cynthia Stone Creem of Newton.....in the First Middlesex and Norfolk District.
Hon. Karen E. Spilka of Ashland.....in the Second Middlesex and Norfolk District.
Hon. Sal N. DiDomenico of Everett.....in the Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex District.
Hon. James B. Eldridge of Acton.....in the Middlesex and Worcester District.
Hon. Richard J. Ross of Wrentham.....in the Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex District.
Hon. Brian A. Joyce of Milton.....in the Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth District.
Hon. John F. Keenan of Quincy.....in the Norfolk and Plymouth District.
Hon. Michael F. Rush of Boston.....in the Norfolk and Suffolk District.
Hon. Viriato M. deMacedo of Plymouth.....in the Plymouth and Barnstable District.
Hon. Marc R. Pacheco of Taunton.....in the First Plymouth and Bristol District.
Hon. Thomas P. Kennedy of Brockton.....in the Second Plymouth and Bristol District.
Hon. Robert L. Hedlund of Weymouth.....in the Plymouth and Norfolk District.
Hon. Linda Dorcena Forry of Boston.....in the First Suffolk District.
Hon. Sonia Chang-Diaz of Boston.....in the Second Suffolk District.
Hon. Anthony W. Petruccelli of Boston.....in the First Suffolk and Middlesex District.

Hon. William N. Brownsberger of Belmont.....in the Second Suffolk and Middlesex District.
Hon. Harriette L. Chandler of Worcester.....in the First Worcester District.
Hon. Michael O. Moore of Millbury.....in the Second Worcester District.
Hon. Anne M. Gobi of Spencer.....in the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex District.
Hon. Jennifer L. Flanagan of Leominster.....in the Worcester and Middlesex District.
Hon. Ryan C. Fattman of Webster.....in the Worcester and Norfolk District.

And were called to order by the Honorable Marc R. Pacheco.

At the request of Senator-elect Pacheco, the Senators-elect, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The following prayer was offered by Rabbi Wesley Gardenswartz of Temple Emanuel in Newton.

Elie Wiesel has taught that there is all the difference in the world between beginning and beginning again.

Beginning is about a fresh start, the opportunity to create something new without overcoming a complicated past.

Beginning again is about resilience, the ability to shake off the disappointment of having dreams that were not wholly fulfilled, and to be undeterred as we try again.

This day is about both beginning and beginning again.

God, please be with, and give strength and wisdom to, Senator Stanley Rosenberg, as he begins his sacred work as the President of the Senate. Lord Jonathan Sacks famously said of the Lubavitcher Rebbe: "A good leader creates followers. A great leader creates leaders." Please help Senate President Rosenberg be a great leader, who creates a Senate full of leaders, who working together find solutions that enhance the lives of our citizens. Please help Senate President Rosenberg shine the light of this body's wisdom and work on the persistent problem of economic inequality, of those who have not yet shared in prosperity, so that working together we can make wealth more common in our Commonwealth.

These goals of sharing prosperity and increasing opportunity are timeless, so for this venerable and historic body, this is a time of beginning again. God, please be with and give strength and wisdom to all the members of the Massachusetts Senate, as today it begins again its noble and never-ending work.

The Talmud teaches that if we save one life we save the universe. May those who being and those who begin again, now work together to save many universes, and let us say, Amen.

On motion of Ms. Creem, the above prayer was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

The National Anthem was sung by Ms. Emma Henderson of Southampton.

Communication.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02133

January 7, 2015.

To the Honorable Senate:

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the election held in this Commonwealth on the fourth day of November, 2014 for Senators in the General Court in the several districts, 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 Senate, as required by the Constitution, and General Laws.

Very Truly Yours,
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Petruccelli,--

Ordered, That a special committee of the Senate to be appointed for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Senators in the several districts.

Senators-elect Brownsberger of Suffolk and Middlesex, Jehlen of Middlesex, McGee of Essex, and deMacedo of Plymouth and Barnstable, were appointed the committee.

Subsequently, Mr. Brownsberger, for the said special committee, reported that the following named persons had been duly elected, to wit:-

Hon. Benjamin B. Downing of Pittsfield.....in the Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden District.
Hon. James E. Timilty of Walpole.....in the Bristol and Norfolk District.
Hon. Michael J. Rodrigues of Westport.....in the First Bristol and Plymouth District.
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Hon. Ryan C. Fattman of Webster.....in the Worcester and Norfolk District.

The report was read, and the report was considered forthwith and accepted.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Ms. Forry,--

Ordered, That a committee be appointed by the Chair to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, the Honorable Council and the Constitutional officers and inform them that a quorum of the Senators-elect have assembled and are ready to be qualified.

Senators-elect Senators Joyce of Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth, Chang-Diaz of Suffolk, Eldridge of Middlesex and Worcester, Spilka of Middlesex and Norfolk, Downing of Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden and Hedlund of Plymouth and Norfolk were appointed the committee.

Subsequently, Mr. Joyce, for the said committee, reported that the committee had waited upon His Excellency the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, and the Honorable Council, and the Constitutional officers and had conveyed to them the message of the Senate; and that the Governor had asked him to say that he would be pleased to attend forthwith upon the Honorable Senate, with the Honorable Council and the Constitutional officers, to administer the oaths of office. The report was accepted and the committee was discharged

Soon after, His Excellency the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, members of the Honorable Council, William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Martha Coakley, Attorney General, Stephen Grossman, Treasurer and Receiver General, and Suzanne Bump, Auditor of the Commonwealth, entered the Chamber; and the Senators-elect then took and subscribed the oaths of office required by the Constitution and a law of the United States to qualify them for the discharge of their duties as Senators at twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon.

The Governor briefly addressed the Senate.

His Excellency the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, the Honorable Council and the Constitutional officers then withdrew from the Chamber.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, --

Ordered, That, pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 4A, the Senate shall proceed forthwith to the election of a President.

Election of a President.

Ms. Chandler placed in nomination for President, Mr. Rosenberg of Franklin, Hampshire and Worcester, and Ms. Chandler briefly addressed the Senate.

*Nomination Speech for Stanley C. Rosenberg to be Elected Senate President
By Senator Harriette L. Chandler*

Mr. President, I rise to place in nomination as the President of the Senate the name of the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, the distinguished Senator from Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester. Mr. Rosenberg has served on almost every committee of this noble body and has held every major position from Chair of Ways & Means, Assistant Majority Leader, President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader in his 23 years in the Senate. Indeed, he has spent most of his adult life in the Great & General Court serving first as Administrative Assistant to John Olver and later winning Mr. Olver's seat as State Representative from the First Hampshire District.

It can be said that each of us who has served with Senator Rosenberg, Democrats and Republicans, has been the beneficiary of his authenticity, his intellect, his problem solving ability and his great love for this institution. According to an old Welsh proverb "He that would be a leader must be a bridge." And what a brilliant bridge Senator Rosenberg has been. Whether it was as a formal leader chairing the Ways & Means committee which prepared three annual budgets, each approaching \$20 billion or overseeing two successful and unchallenged redistricting cycles, including the most recent cycle which added another minority majority Senate district in Springfield and minority-majority House districts elsewhere in the State and produced the first majority-minority Congressional district in the State's history. Or, perhaps, he is remembered for his leadership in preserving marriage equality following the Goodridge decision, or his work with the Regional Transit Authority Caucus to virtually save our RTAs and encourage their "forward funding."

Whatever responsibilities he has undertaken, Mr. President, he has done so with intelligence, fairness, and thoroughness. His wisdom, work ethic and ability to bring people together have proven successful so many times. There are no better examples than in his leadership of our gaming legislation or his on-going relationship with the regional and city administrations of Pskov, Russia as part of a University of Massachusetts exchange program or his success last year in mediating a resolution to the long standing nurses and hospital referendum conflict.

It has been said that dreams and dedication are a powerful combination. Senator Rosenberg's life story is, in the best sense of the term, the American Dream. Whatever he has achieved, he has worked hard to do so. He has never forgotten who he is or where he came from or what he wants to accomplish.

We know this man. We watched him preside at the podium in his even-handed and even-tempered way. We know that he is just as much as our seats are arranged so that we are each at eye-level and equal in this chamber so do we know through our personal interactions with Senator Rosenberg that we are each equal and special in his eyes. It is, therefore, my distinct privilege to nominate the gentleman from Amherst Senator Stanley C. Rosenberg, the first senator from the western part of the Commonwealth since 1970, to be the next president of this historic body.

The nomination of Senator Rosenberg for President was seconded by Mr. Wolf, who also briefly addressed the Senate.

*Seconding Speech for Stanley C. Rosenberg to be Elected Senate President
By Senator Daniel A. Wolf.*

Through you to the members, and through my colleagues to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I rise to second the nomination of Stanley C. Rosenberg to serve as the next President of the Senate of the Commonwealth.

I do so having admired Senator Rosenberg before beginning my short tenure here, and having worked closely with and beside him these last four years. And I do so based on my strong belief that his unique leadership style and tireless work ethic are exactly the ingredients needed during these times of great opportunity and challenge.

After nearly 30 years as an elected legislator, Senator Rosenberg is still an idealist about the role of Government, but he is no ideologue. He has extraordinary vision and lofty goals for what we can do together, but he is pragmatic and realistic. He is principled but not rigid or dogmatic. He is honest and trustworthy yet not judgmental. He is an exceptional listener. He has strong beliefs but also understands that nothing can or will be accomplished without compromise -- never on principle but often on the exact shape of the final outcome.

Senator Rosenberg believes that to reach our potential we must all be at the table with contributing voices, inspired to participate and empowered to act. As Senate President, he will create a collaborative vision based on ideals and desired outcomes that are aspirational, inspirational, and achievable. He will be our colleague, helping us synthesize and understand issues, then providing support and resources to create practical legislation and good public policy.

Most of us have had the benefit of serving with Senator Rosenberg over the years. My first experience was on the Joint Committee on Redistricting where I observed how his unique leadership created a new gold standard for the redistricting process that other states around the nation can look to. He has been a true leader on issues around education, the environment and our creative economy. Demonstrating great personal courage, he led Massachusetts in being the first state in the country to recognize marriage equality and allow all citizens to marry who they love.

All of this convinces me that Senator Rosenberg will be a transformational leader for this body. I know because during the past 35 years, I have had the privilege to observe, and serve, with great leaders. Great leaders who understand that organizations function best with “bottom up” leadership, not from the top down. Great leaders who always look to widen the circle of power so more can enter and participate. Great leaders share power, they don’t need to centralize it. This is especially true in democracy, where government’s highest mission is to be “the civic expression of our collective will.”

Martin Luther King, in his “I have a dream” speech, used the term “fierce urgency of now” to describe racial and economic disparity that rocked the nation in 1963. Today, right now, we face our own “fierce urgency of now.” While we have made progress, thanks to the hard work of many in this Chamber today, economic disparity is at its worst levels in nearly 100 years, and racial injustice continues to express itself in our streets, at our workplaces and in our criminal justice system. The promise of gender equality remains unrealized. Our environment is under increasing stress from climate change. And our middle class is disappearing under the stress of stagnant wages, student debt and corporate greed. Senator Rosenberg sees this and is the right leader at the right time to bring this body together to address these challenges.

After 30 years, his passion for service is still driven by values and vision, while his policies always stand firmly on the foundation of facts. To some that makes him a policy wonk. To me it makes him a thoughtful, deliberative and thorough legislator, a leader more interested in creating policy built on evidence rather than rhetoric.

I thank you, Stan, for decades of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth; your hard work has made a huge difference to millions of people. I also thank you for your mentorship and friendship and, in advance, for leading our Senate from the heart, and the head, in a way that illuminates a great path forward for the democracy we cherish.

Mr. Ross placed in nomination for President, Mr. Tarr of Essex and Middlesex, and Mr. Ross briefly addressed the Senate.

*Nomination Speech for Bruce E. Tarr to be Elected Senate President
By Senator Richard J. Ross.*

Thank you, Mr. President, and through you to my colleagues. It is truly an honor to be able to speak before you today as we begin the 189th Session of the Massachusetts State Senate. Let me first begin by saying Happy New Year to our returning colleagues and welcome to our newly elected colleagues. This week is a historic one as we welcome not only a newly elected Governor, but we, as a body, elect a new Senate President for the first time in 8 years.

Today, it is my privilege to stand before you to nominate Senator Bruce E. Tarr of Gloucester for President of the Massachusetts State Senate.

Senator Tarr has been a member of the Massachusetts General Court since 1991, and during his tenure spanning over two decades, he has been a strong advocate and unwavering voice for not only those of the First Essex and Middlesex District, which he represents, but the people of the Commonwealth as a whole.

In fact, this past legislative session particularly, Senator Tarr has been a vociferous leader on issues pertaining to job creation and fiscal responsibility, policies that will protect our neighborhoods and our community’s most vulnerable citizens. From substance abuse recovery, increased oversight of compounding pharmacies, key reforms to the Department of Children and Families, Senator Tarr has been at the forefront of maintaining government accountability and efficiency.

In a bipartisan manner, Senator Tarr revitalized the Foundation Budget Review Commission, allowing it to better make recommendations as to the way budgets are calculated, carefully determine the programs necessary to attain the Commonwealth's education goals, as well as recommend measures that will promote ways in which state resources can most effectively be utilized and allocated.

One of the most prominent pieces of legislation passed this year was in response to the horrific treatment of Puppy Doe, a female pit bull who was euthanized after suffering extensive, irreversible damage to her body. Senator Tarr sponsored an Act Protecting Animal Welfare and Safety (PAWS), a bipartisan, bicameral effort, to provide public safety officials with the proper tools to meaningfully punish those who commit heinous acts of cruelty against animals.

Most notably, there is nobody more knowledgeable of the fishing industry or the coastal economy and environment, than Senator Tarr. Given his work on the Massachusetts Seafood Marketing Program, Senator Tarr has been a tireless champion for the ground fish industry, once again crossing party lines to fight passionately for a worthy cause.

He accomplished all of this as Minority Leader, one of four members (now six) of the Republican representation. With the passion of a Gloucester Fisherman and a brilliant legal mind, he leads his small crew on sometimes rough and ever changing seas.

Despite representing the opposition, Senator Tarr commands immense respect from his colleagues in both parties. He is a unifier and a breath of fresh air for meaningful discourse and debate.

Arguably the finest orator currently in the legislature, he uses his skills with surgical precision. Diligent in observing the greatest respect for constitutionality, he always states a good case, makes a plausible argument and closes with mastery, earning great esteem amongst us in the minority, but also from those of you in the majority as well.

Bruce Tarr is an ethical man of great integrity and the strongest moral fiber. He is above reproach. As Senate President he will lead us, as he has lead us, with integrity, courage and leadership.

Senator Bruce Tarr is the Senate President this Commonwealth needs, and I hope you will join me in supporting his nomination. Thank you.

The nomination of Senator Tarr for President was seconded by Mr. Humason, who also briefly addressed the Senate.

Seconding Speech for Bruce E. Tarr to be Elected Senate President
By Senator Donald F. Humason, Jr.

Thank you Mr. President.

Good morning ladies, gentlemen, colleagues and guests. Happy New Year! And a very happy new session of the Great and General Court to us all.

I would like to offer a very special and hearty welcome to the new Senators who join us today. Like some of you, I had the pleasure of serving in the House of Representatives before coming to the Senate. Having become a member of this body mid-term after a special election in November of 2013, I remember well the feelings of nervousness and apprehension, and of excitement, hope and optimism. I know how you feel.

Let me assure you that the Massachusetts State Senate is a warm and welcoming organization. It is in many ways like a family. Although we may not always agree as to the best path to reach our goals, we all want what is best for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the citizens we have sworn to represent.

As Senators we are truly fortunate. We have a choice today between two individuals, two gentlemen, both of whom are eminently qualified, accomplished, personable, and capable to serve as our next Senate President. I am proud to be able to call both men my friends.

Today, it is my honor and privilege to second the nomination of Senator Bruce E. Tarr as President of the Massachusetts State Senate.

I have known Senator Tarr since 1991 when I began working in the State House. He was first elected to the House of Representatives that year, along with my friend, mentor, and predecessor Mike Knapik. I have counted myself as fortunate to work with and for exceptional public servants. Few have impressed me as much as the gentleman from Gloucester, Senator Tarr.

In a building filled with hard working, distinguished, accomplished, and impassioned leaders, Senator Tarr consistently rises to the top. He is admired and respected by Republicans and Democrats alike. His advice and counsel are sought by his colleagues in the Legislature as well as by those in the Executive and Judicial branches.

There are few bills that go through this Chamber that he doesn't have some direct impact upon and can take credit for improving in some way.

His willingness to work collaboratively with his colleagues on both sides of the political aisle, and every side of an issue, make him a legislator much in demand. That he is always willing to share the benefit of his vast knowledge, the fruits of his fertile legal mind, or the wisdom he has gleaned from numerous and diverse personal endeavors only further makes the case that Senator Bruce Tarr is the right man for the job.

I have had the opportunity to visit Senator Tarr in his district, the First Essex and Middlesex. The degree to which this man is held in high esteem by his constituents is remarkable. He truly loves the people of his district, and by extension, the people of Massachusetts. Furthermore, Senator Tarr has come west to visit my district, the 2nd Hampden & Hampshire. He has taken a keen interest in the people, businesses, non-profits, and other institutions in every corner of our state.

That is why he and our caucus work tirelessly to improve the quality of the government and government services those constituents receive. His work to improve the soundness of the Bay State's economy, the public safety of the big cities and small towns across our state, the competitiveness of Massachusetts businesses big and small, and the integrity of the programs that serve our most needy and vulnerable neighbors, is never ending.

Let me conclude by addressing Senator Tarr's legendary eloquence. He is, in my humble opinion, and with all due respect to Daniel Webster, one of the greatest orators in the history of the State House. His quick wit and sense of humor are appreciated by us all. Were he of the noble Irish race I would say his gift of gab comes from kissing the famous Blarney Stone. But Senator Tarr's people are famous in their own right for creating the very Democracy we practice today. I can just see Senator Tarr, clad in a toga, laurels in his hair, as he addresses his countrymen 2,500 years ago in Greece.

I look forward to hearing many more inspiring orations from the Gentleman from Gloucester. I hope you do too and I ask that you join me in supporting the nomination of our good friend Senator Bruce E. Tarr for Senate President.

Thank you.

On motion of Mr. Rodrigues, the nominations were closed.

The roll was called at seven minutes past twelve o'clock noon, and the following named members voted for Stanley C. Rosenberg of Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester:

Barrett, Michael J.	Lesser, Eric P.
Brownsberger, William N.	Lewis, Jason M
Chandler, Harriette L.	L'Italien, Barbara
Chang-Diaz, Sonia	Lovely, Joan B.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	McGee, Thomas M.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Montigny, Mark C.
Donnelly, Kenneth J.	Moore, Michael O.
Donoghue, Eileen M.	O'Connor Ives, Kathleen
Downing, Benjamin B.	Pacheco, Marc R.
Eldridge, James B.	Petrucelli, Anthony
Flanagan, Jennifer L.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Forry, Linda Dorcena	Rosenberg, Stanley C.
Gobi, Anne M.	Rush, Michael F.
Jehlen, Patricia D.	Spilka, Karen E.
Joyce, Brian A.	Timilty, James E.
Keenan, John F.	Welch, James T.
Kennedy, Thomas P.	Wolf, Daniel A. ---34

The following named members voted for Bruce E. Tarr of Essex and Middlesex:

deMacedo, Viriato M.	Humason, Donald F., Jr.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Ross, Richard J.

The Chair announced the results of the votes as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	40
Necessary for a choice.....	21
Stanley C. Rosenberg of Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester had.....	34
Bruce E. Tarr of Essex and Middlesex had.....	6

The roll call having been completed at twelve minutes past twelve o'clock noon, Mr. Rosenberg was declared elected as President of the Senate.

Mr. Tarr moved that it be the sense of the Senate that the vote for Stanley C. Rosenberg for President should be made unanimous and that this expression of opinion be made a part of the records of the Senate.

There being no objection, this motion was entertained; and it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Rosenberg was escorted to the Chair by Senators Montigny of Bristol and Plymouth and Creem of Middlesex and Norfolk.

The President then addressed the Senate as follows:

Thank you very much. And a very warm welcome to all the new members of the Massachusetts State Senate.

Making your way to this chamber is no small achievement. You've worked hard to earn the trust of your voters and your achievement is celebrated here today. We enthusiastically welcome you to the Massachusetts State Senate.

And congratulations to all our returning members on your re-elections. The voters of your districts have recognized your leadership and effectiveness and they have returned you to our historic Chamber so you can continue your great work. Welcome back.

Finally words cannot fully express my gratitude to all of you for allowing me to hold the position of Senate President. I am humbled and will be eternally grateful. And I want to deeply thank all my constituents and friends who first sent me to the Senate 24 years ago and who have continued to support me these many years.

Without them, I would not be on this rostrum today.

I also want to send a special, heartfelt thank you to my partner, Bryon, who has stood with me in good times and in bad.

Finally, I want to acknowledge my two predecessors who are with us today: the Honorable Therese Murray and the Honorable Robert Travaglini. I want us all to take a moment to thank them for the leadership and their presence here today.

Congratulations also to Governor-elect Baker. By our words and actions, let's send him a clear message that we will work with him for the good of this Commonwealth and its people. We will have our differences. But it is neither our job nor our inclination to obstruct him for obstruction's sake. Now it's time for all of us to get to work.

They say that history is bound to repeat itself and so I take note that one hundred years ago today, another Senator from Western Massachusetts – from my very district – stood at this very rostrum to accept the Senate presidency and delivered a widely hailed speech. His name was Calvin Coolidge.

As you all know, Coolidge was a staunch, conservative Republican. But let me read to you an important quote from his speech, delivered right here in this spot, a century ago:

“The commonwealth is one. We are all members of one body. The welfare of the weakest and the welfare of the most powerful are inseparably bound together. Industry cannot flourish if labor languishes....The general welfare cannot be provided for in any one act, but it is well to remember that the benefit of one is the benefit of all, and the neglect of one is the neglect of all.”

Never have Coolidge's words been more urgent than they are today, in an era in which we are prosperous as a whole but fewer and fewer of our parts share in that prosperity. Shared prosperity is the hallmark of a true Commonwealth. And that along with one other touchstone – what I call “shared leadership” – will guide our Senate.

I'd like to talk a bit today about both principles, beginning with shared leadership.

Building on the reforms of our predecessors, ours will be a Senate that will seek to set new standards for openness and transparency, for collegiality with each other and for engagement with the people of the Commonwealth.

Over the last year, many of you have asked to be even more involved in the challenges facing our Commonwealth. I assure you, you will have that chance.

Committees will be encouraged to generate new ideas, vigorously debate them, and bring them to this floor for consideration. No matter what position you hold in this body, you will be consulted on issues large and small and encouraged to collaborate – across ideologies, parties, and committees.

Collaboration, collegiality, openness. These are all hallmarks of modern, innovative organizations. And they will be hallmarks of our new Senate. Together, we can and we will do this.

We will also usher in a new era of civic engagement – of bringing the people into this building and bringing this building, this body, to the people.

In just a few minutes, Senator Rodrigues will introduce an order that will initiate a series of grassroots forums across the state, designed to create a true dialogue with Massachusetts' residents about the challenges ahead. By doing so, we will acknowledge clearly and emphatically that the best ideas are often found not within these halls but in our neighborhoods and our coffee shops, in our board rooms and union halls, in our office break rooms and at our family tables.

So today signals a new era of shared leadership, not just inside this great institution but among the people of the Commonwealth.

Our second principle is shared prosperity.

We are in the midst of a great comeback, having rebounded from the Great Recession, and having created nearly 60,000 jobs in the last year. Powered by our vibrant innovation and creative economies – including life sciences, mobile technologies, and green tech – we are leading the world in the important business of creating the future.

But as our economy continues to rebound, we face a vexing problem: fewer and fewer of our people are reaping the benefits.

For those at the top, the recession is an increasingly distant memory. But for those at the bottom and in the middle, the struggle continues. Folks work two or three or even four jobs to stitch together a living. They get priced out of their neighborhoods if they live in the city; they watch their home values stagnate if they live outside Route 128. If they live in rural areas, they can face even greater hardship.

Once prosperous professionals, laid off during the recession, struggle to regain their footing in a much-changed economy. Young people looking to climb the first step of the economic ladder can't afford our community colleges. The more fortunate go to college but end up with crushing debt, unable to buy a home, start a family, and realize the basic elements of what we used to call the American Dream.

We already see the unfortunate side effects of this kind of economic dislocation. Streets in Ferguson and New York become centers of discontent. In our own cities, we know unemployment in urban areas is twice that of the state average, sewing poverty, despair and crime that is often violent.

This not the Commonwealth we seek. This is not the Commonwealth we, as leaders, should accept.

Consider this: If we were to put the right policies and resources in place we can make sure every child born is given the support he or she needs, from prenatal care to early childhood education to quality schools and higher education opportunities free of crushing debt, we could transform the Commonwealth in a generation. In a quarter century, we could dramatically diminish many of the problems that saddle both individuals and the Commonwealth as whole: chronic unemployment, workforce shortages, lack of opportunity. In their place: a generation of fully employed, prosperous young people, imbued with a sense of opportunity and possibility. A generation sharing in our collective prosperity.

This America should sound familiar: it is the America of the 1950's, 60's and 70's. An America that worked for people of all economic backgrounds. We want that America back. We deserve that America back.

It is not enough for folks in Kendall Square or across the waterfront or along Route 128 to prosper, while folks in Roxbury and New Bedford, Lawrence and Springfield, languish. They too must share in our prosperity.

Of course, we cannot have shared prosperity without continued economic growth and this Senate will take its partnership with business very seriously. Over the past year, I've made a concerted effort to reach out to the business community and better understand its needs. I've held meetings with tech companies and venture capitalists. I've talked policy and practice with key business associations. And most importantly, I visited business large and small all across the Commonwealth.

I have heard clearly that skyrocketing energy prices, spiraling health care costs, some burdensome regulations, and a lack of affordable housing threaten our state's long-term economic growth. Too many of our residents, whether factory workers or

highly trained engineers, pack up and leave because of these costs. And that, combined with an education system that still has gaps, leads to a shortage of qualified workers in our state.

Over the past year, I heard the concerns of the business community. But I also heard the pleas of those laboring in the social service sector, who say that shelters can't create enough beds to meet demand and soup kitchens can't feed all the people looking for a hot meal.

We know we need to create an environment in which our companies – from large corporations to family-owned businesses – can thrive. But at the same time, the business community must work with us to solve the problem so many of our workers face: having to turn to the government or the non-profit sector to help pay their rent, heat their homes, subsidize their health care, or feed their families.

No one who works 40 or 60 or 80 hours a week should find themselves needing our help. They should find those resources in their paychecks; the resources to make not only ends meet but to have a decent, happy, fulfilling life. Together, we can and must do this.

One way we can address these issues is to modernize our state's tax code, so that not just the wealthy benefit from its deductions and exemptions but so do the poor and middle class can reap benefits as well.

Our governor-elect speaks of one such adjustment: an updating of the state's Earned Income Tax Credit, the provision in the tax code that rewards hard work.

The state Earned Income Tax Credit was an idea developed by this very body in my committee in 1997. But since then, much has changed. Inflation has whittled away at value of this benefit for those who qualify. The original premise of the policy – that we should encourage people to work rather than slip into government assistance – must be renewed.

I urge this senate to join with the Governor to meaningfully update the Earned Income Tax Credit so that we make sure those who are struggling to make ends meet are rewarded for their hard work. Together, we can and must do this.

In a state that has proudly pioneered innovation in business and in the nonprofit sector, it's time to infuse new innovation into the public sector as well. Last year, breakdowns in our IT systems led to cost overruns, lost benefits for our residents, widespread consumer dissatisfaction, and frankly an embarrassment for our state government. In response, we passed a number of concrete reforms designed to clean up our IT procurement process. But let's work with the Governor-elect to take further steps, not just to fix existing problems but to unleash the entrepreneurial talents of the Commonwealth to make state government work better, deliver more, and do so in innovative and ultimately, more efficient ways. Budgets are tight. We need to deliver more for the buck. Together, we can and must do that, too.

But our work doesn't end there. Together, we need to build safer roads and bridges; invest in public transit to foster economic growth; tackle climate change to protect our shorelines and our children's' future; invest in education at every level; reform our criminal justice system to make sure our laws are both tough and smart, and continue to fight the horrors of drug addiction.

To speak of these pressing needs is not to discount the need to resolve our immediate budget problem. But it is to send a message: We must protect our investments in our people and our infrastructure. These are our future. Together, we can and must do this.

Working together on problems for the common good. This is what it means to be a Commonwealth. As Coolidge said, "it is well to remember that the benefit of one is the benefit of all, and the neglect of one is the neglect of all." For generations, both conservatives and liberals, Republicans and Democrats have embraced that ideal.

I, in fact, am the product of that spirit. I grew up as a foster child on the streets of Malden and Revere. If it were not for the Commonwealth, I would have had nothing. Collectively, you put clothes on my back, food in my mouth, and a roof over my head. You provided me with quality schools and helped me go to the university for which I am forever grateful – the University of Massachusetts.

With due modesty, I would say that investment paid off.

I was reflecting last night on what makes this body so great, what makes this democracy work so well. And I thought of the stories we heard at a recent retreat we held.

Stories of a fresh-faced Anthony Petrucelli rushing home from school to help out at his family grocery store. Watching his grandfather lending groceries to families short on cash. Learning the value of hard work, of community, of true generosity of spirit.

I think of young John Keenan, stepping in while another child on the playground was being bullied. Getting knocked down that first day. But jumping right into the ring the next time he saw it – this time with better results. Having the courage and the heart to strike out against injustice at an early age.

I think of Linda Dorcena Forry, the child of Haitian immigrants, part of a large, extended family living together in a Dorchester two-family. And then marrying into another immigrant family, this one of Irish descent, as large and energetic as her own. And I think of Linda, equipped with her trademark energy, working her way through graduate school, while chairing a House committee, running for the senate and caring for 4 children. Their family is an example for all of us of how cultures can come together and not just coexist but find new richness in their shared experiences.

Time does not permit me to tell all the stories we heard that day. But we all – Republicans and Democrats – have them. The stuff that makes us who we are. Different but the same. Each of us human beings deserving the respect of one another.

That's the kind of Senate we want. Diverse in perspective and experience. Collaborative and collegial. Open to new ideas and innovations. And by taking advantage of those characteristics, able to bring this great institution firmly and squarely into the 21st century. And, in doing so, help create an even greater Commonwealth – one in which we have effective shared leadership, real shared opportunity, and abundant shared prosperity.

I look forward to working with all of you in the days and years ahead and I thank you again for your trust and support.

Mr. Tarr asked unanimous consent to make a statement; and, there being no objection, he addressed the Senate as follows:

Thank you, Mr. President, and through you to the members. It's an honor to be here with you at the beginning of a legislative session that greets so many challenges with such promise and possibility.

Certainly I'm honored by the kind and humbling remarks of Senator Ross, placing me in nomination against long odds for the office of Senate President. While the compelling case you made didn't move all the votes Richard, your words, your tone and your perspective today are emblematic of the Senator you are. Your kindness, compassion, understanding and commitment are emblematic of the traits that have earned you the respect of our body as you return to service today.

Similarly, I'm thankful to my friend and colleague Senator Humason who provided reinforcement to my nomination with his own wise and moving remarks in seconding my nomination. Don, in the short time you have served in this body you have distinguished yourself as a Senator willing to work tirelessly, bringing an important perspective to our chamber, to speak honestly and clearly, and to give a strong voice to the concerns of Western Massachusetts, and to make a difference for our state.

Thanks also to my friend and colleague Senator Hedlund. Bob, your wisdom, sense of fiscal discipline and insightful knowledge of issues ranging from transportation to welfare reform to economic development continue to be genuine assets to our Senate.

Thank you also to Senators deMacedo and Fattman, whose election to the Senate has caused an explosion in our ranks of epic proportion. Your presence here today reflects an important gain for two-party government, and the people you are will make you valuable and contributing members to this legislative body. I apologize that you had to sit in the same chair at our last meeting, but it's been a while since we needed more seating.

Welcome and congratulations as well to our other new members, Senator Gobi, Senator L'Italien, and Senator Lesser. The family members, supporters and friends here with us today to celebrate the inauguration are rightfully proud of your accomplishment, and the dedication to public service that has brought you here and will drive your achievements.

Welcome and congratulations also to each and every member who returns today to this chamber reauthorized and reenergized by the process of election. All of us have an important role to play, and there is no doubt you will make a difference.

Today brings the beginning page of the next historic chapter in the history of this body because of your election, Mr. President, and I offer you my sincere congratulations. While you may have outspent me in this election, it was won because of your record of service, your belief in our ability to reach new heights through collaboration, and a firm grasp of the legislative process and the means to achieve our collective goals.

All of us together are gathered in the Senate chamber to begin a voyage in times of incredible change we have a new governor with a commitment to collaboration and meaningful reform; we have a new Senate President poised to lead this august body through partnership with all of its members and even I saw a whopping 50% increase in votes for Senate President. Truly change is upon us.

Yet the times also demand that we rise to many challenges, and that we do so not by making our principles and our differences liabilities or impediments, but a source of strength. In ways that build competing perspectives into leverage for progress and not excuses for paralysis.

George Bernard Shaw said “Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.” With that in our thoughts, we must face important issues with the sense of civic duty that our constituents and our circumstances compel.

Our transportation systems and infrastructure must be repaired, rebuilt and reformed, and that can’t be accomplished without difficult choices, capturing savings that have been predicted and not realized, and meeting existing commitments before allowing new ventures to compete for limited resources.

Our education systems must be strengthened by innovation and excellence for Massachusetts students, and not subordinated to national experiments or other agendas. Our schools must be continued to lead and innovate, and they must be focused on excellence for Massachusetts students, and subordinate to nothing else.

Our communities must continue to be safe places to live, work, and learn and that will require us to insist on laws that provide swift, consistent and effective justice, and to carefully examine and perhaps redeploy the resources we expend on corrections and rehabilitation.

When repeat drunk drivers imperil everyone on our roads, there is work to be done. When people return again and again through our prisons in a cycle of hopelessness fueled by lost opportunities for reform, we cannot stand idle, when law enforcement officials charged with protecting us can’t get the information they need to do their job, and state government can’t give us enough information to protect ourselves, then we must push forward.

We have worked together to address the serious public health problem of opiate abuse in our communities. There is still more work to be done on this front. I anticipate this new legislative body will be able to work together in a bipartisan manner to develop solutions to this rising epidemic. While we have worked in the last session to confront the deadly problem of opiate abuse in our communities, the intensity and gravity of this problem, demand that we continue and advance our efforts.

Our health care system, given birth through bipartisan leadership in our state’s tradition of innovation, must be given the flexibility to prosper by those in Washington who herald it as a model but constrain it with inappropriate mandates. Together, we must demand and secure the right to keep the things that make our model workable for every person in Massachusetts, to continue to innovate, not subordinate.

Our economy, emerging from an historic recession with great promise, must be given every chance, every advantage, and every tool to grow to new levels of prosperity, so that every person in every place, in our state, can see its benefits. It’s our employers’ task to create and maintain jobs, and it’s OUR job to produce the best environment for them to do it and that includes the farmer and the fishermen. Our citizens deserve the most robust economic recovery and while key economic indicators such as the Associated Industries of Massachusetts’s business confidence index, the state unemployment rate, and the gross state product are all trending in favorable directions more work needs to be done to create a favorable climate for businesses and to create jobs. Just a few specific reforms include independent contractor reform, lower filing fees, and an enhancement to the research and development tax credit.

Our state government itself, has suffered from systemic failures that have injured its credibility and its integrity. Public confidence is essential to everything that we do, and we must do everything possible to restore and strengthen it every time we are together in this magnificent chamber.

And, our enlarged caucus must find alternative meeting space. The phone booth has been cast aside, the subcompact car sold on Craigslist and the minivan donated to charity - anyone with a large SUV please contact me after the session.

Each time we face an issue, we ask that we all open our minds to every possibility and every idea as Aristotle said, “It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.”

And of course, we’ll have questions along the way, no journey would be complete without them. You may have the map, but we have the flashlight, and we shine it not to annoy or distract you, but so everyone can see the road ahead. We may walk beside you, we may try to convince you to change course, or we may just say no to the street you’re on. But either way, we’re on the voyage together.

And beyond any specific issue, we all share a greater cause. We live in times that are too often characterized by division, and conflict, and where those things get rewarded with our attention. Our Senate, with its legacy of cooperative spirit has the power and the obligation to change that, and to be a beacon of hope in a sea of cynicism.

In minority corner we are inspired by the words of Lincoln-who said that “I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have.” Our democracy demands that we bring to each debate our honest, principled and respectful position and we will not leave its demands unfulfilled.

May we all bring our light to bear on this chamber, and may that light make our beacon brighter for others to follow. That’s how the Senate works best. Let’s be our best.

On behalf of Senator Hedlund, Senator Ross, Senator Humason, Senator deMacedo and Senator Fattman, Happy New Year, we look forward to working with you.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, the address of the President, the nominating and seconding speeches and the remarks of the Minority Leader were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Election of Clerk.

Mr. Fattman moved that the Senate proceed to the election of a Clerk and that the President cast one ballot for William F. Welch of Milford as Clerk of the Senate; and this motion prevailed. Clerk election.

Accordingly, after remarks, the ballot was cast and Mr. Welch was declared elected, and was then qualified by taking the oaths and affirmation as prescribed by the Constitution and also the following oath, which was administered by the President:

“Whereas, you WILLIAM F. WELCH, are chosen Clerk of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you do swear that you will truly enter all the votes and orders thereof, and in all things relating to your office that you will act faithfully and impartially accordingly to your best skill and judgement. So help you, God.”

On motion of Mr. Timilty,--

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to notify His Excellency the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, and the Honorable Council of the organization of the Senate; and that the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg of Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester had been elected President of the Senate, and William F. Welch of Milford had been elected Clerk of the Senate. Governor,-- organization of the Senate.

Senators Donnelly of Middlesex, Donoghue of Middlesex, Lewis of Middlesex, Moore of Worcester, O'Connor Ives of Essex and Hedlund of Plymouth and Norfolk were appointed the committee.

Subsequently, Mr. Donnelly, for the said committee reported that the committee had performed the duties assigned to it. The report was accepted and the committee was discharged.

On motion of Ms. Gobi,--

Ordered, That the Senate Rules of the last session be observed as the temporary Senate Rules for the present General Court.

On motion of Mr. Barrett,--

Ordered, That the joint rules of last session be observed as the temporary Joint Rules of the two branches for the present General Court until the adoption of permanent joint rules or March 1, 2015, whichever comes first.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Pacheco,--

Ordered, That a temporary committee on Ethics and Rules be appointed until such time as permanent rules of the Senate are adopted.

Senators Chandler of Worcester, Creem of Middlesex and Norfolk, Donnelly of Middlesex, Eldridge of Middlesex and Worcester, Lovely of Essex, Petruccelli of Suffolk and Middlesex, Tarr of Essex and Middlesex and Ross of Norfolk, Brisol and Middlesex were appointed the temporary committee.

On motion of Mr. Lesser,--

Ordered, That the Clerk begin the daily printing of the Journal of the Senate, as authorized by Senate Rule 6, 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 of the entire session be printed and bound with the customary appendices and an index; and that a certified copy thereof be deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the official bound Journal of the Senate.

On motion of Ms. Flanagan,--

Ordered, That a special committee of the Senate to consist of three members of the Senate be appointed for the purpose of arranging the seats of the members of the Senate.

Senators Petruccelli of Suffolk and Middlesex, Chandler of Worcester and Tarr of Essex and Middlesex were appointed the committee.

On motion of Ms. Flanagan,--

Ordered, That a convention of the two Houses be held at a quarter before twelve o'clock noon on Thursday, January 8, for the

purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Governor-elect, the Lieutenant-Governor-elect and the several Councillors-elect.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Rodrigues presented the following order:--

Ordered, That members of the Senate shall conduct a series of regional public forums and visits to hear and understand the concerns and priorities of the people of the Commonwealth. The forums and visits shall guide the Senate in setting its priorities to support strong and healthy families, vibrant and sustainable communities, a robust and growing economy with shared prosperity and opportunities, and a transparent, efficient, and effective state government (Senate, No. 5).

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, and the matter was considered forthwith.

After remarks, the question on adoption of the order was determined by a call of the yeas and nays, at eleven minutes past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Rodrigues, as follows, to wit (*yeas 40 – nays 0*) [**Yeas and Nays No. 2**]:

YEAS

Barrett, Michael J.	Kennedy, Thomas P.
Brownsberger, William N.	Lesser, Eric P.
Chandler, Harriette L.	Lewis, Jason M
Chang-Diaz, Sonia	L'Italien, Barbara
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Lovely, Joan B.
deMacedo, Viriato M.	McGee, Thomas M.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	Montigny, Mark C.
Donnelly, Kenneth J.	Moore, Michael O.
Donoghue, Eileen M.	O'Connor Ives, Kathleen
Downing, Benjamin B.	Pacheco, Marc R.
Eldridge, James B.	Petruccelli, Anthony
Fattman, Ryan C.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Flanagan, Jennifer L.	Rosenberg, Stanley C.
Forry, Linda Dorcena	Ross, Richard J.
Gobi, Anne M.	Rush, Michael F.
Hedlund, Robert L.	Spilka, Karen E.
Humason, Donald F., Jr.	Tarr, Bruce E.
Jehlen, Patricia D.	Timilty, James E.
Joyce, Brian A.	Welch, James T.
Keenan, John F.	Wolf, Daniel A. ---40

NAYS ---0.

The yeas and nays having been completed at thirteen minutes past one o'clock P.M., the order was adopted. The President appointed Senator Rodrigues as Chairman of the committees.

On motion of Ms. Lovely,-

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to notify the House of Representatives of the organization of the Senate; and that the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg of Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester had been elected President of the Senate, and William F. Welch of Milford had been elected Clerk of the Senate. House of Representatives,-- organization of the Senate. Senators L'Italien of Essex and Middlesex, Rush of Suffolk and Norfolk, Welch of Hampden, Forry of Suffolk, DiDomenico of Middlesex and Suffolk and Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk were appointed the committee. Subsequently, Mr. Rush, for the said committee reported that the committee had performed the duties assigned to it. The report was accepted and the committee was discharged.

On motion of Mr. deMacedo,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Time of meeting.

Mr. Pacheco in the Chair, notice was received from the House of Representatives by a committee thereof, of the organization of that branch, the House having chosen Robert A. DeLeo of Boston as Speaker, Bradley Jones of North Reading as Minority Leader and Steven T. James of Winthrop as Clerk. Organization of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Ross, at twenty-two minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.