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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.  
IN JOINT SESSION.**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025.**

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Thursday, January 2, 2025.

At one minute before twelve o'clock noon, the two branches met in

Joint Session.

CONVENTION

in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the several Councillors-elect, and were called to order by the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate.

The President, members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

At seven minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Governor and the Lieutenant-Governor and Councillors-elect entered the Chamber, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Governor, Lt.  
Governor arrive.

Her Excellency the Governor briefly addressed the Joint Session.

Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor briefly addressed the Joint Session.

*Communication.*

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

Canvassing the votes.

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

January 1, 2025

To the Honorable Senate and 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 fifth day of November, 2024, for the Councillors 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 and House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution and General Laws.

Very truly yours,  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

*Oath of Office.*

Before the President of the Senate, and in the presence of the two Houses of Assembly, the oaths and affirmations of office were then administered to, and subscribed by Joseph C. Ferreira of Somerset, Tamisha L. Civil of Stoughton, Mara

Executive  
Councillors,—  
oath of office.

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Dolan of Concord, Christopher A. Iannella, Jr., of Boston, Eunice Delice Zeigler of Methuen, Terrence W. Kennedy of Lynnfield, Paul DePalo of Worcester and Tara J. Jacobs of North Adams, as Councillors, at fourteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon.

Her Excellency the Governor, Her Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and the Honorable Executive Council then withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Withdrawal from  
Chamber.

On motion of Mr. Brady, at nineteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Convention of the Two Branches was dissolved; and the Senate withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.