

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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

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 2010, inclusive) the oldest senior member-elect, to wit:— House called to order.

<p>Adams, Paul Aguiar, Kevin Andrews, Denise Arciero, James Ashe, Brian M. Atkins, Cory Atsalis, Demetrius J. Ayers, Bruce J. Balsler, Ruth B. Barrows, F. Jay Basile, Carlo Bastien, Richard Beaton, Matthew A. Benson, Jennifer E. Binienda, John J. Boldyga, Nicholas A. Bradley, Garrett J. Brady, Michael D. Brodeur, Paul Brownsberger, William N. Cabral, Antonio F. D. Calter, Thomas J. Campbell, Linda Dean Canavan, Christine E. Canessa, Stephen R. Cantwell, James M. Cariddi, Gailanne M. Chan, Tackey Coakley-Rivera, Cheryl A. Collins, Nick Conroy, Thomas P. Coppinger, Edward F. Costello, Michael A. Creedon, Geraldine M. Curran, Sean Cusack, Mark J. DeLeo, Robert A. deMacedo, Viriato Manuel D'Emilia, Angelo L.</p>	<p>Dempsey, Brian S. Devers, Marcos A. Diehl, Geoffrey G. DiNatale, Stephen L. Donato, Paul J. Dwyer, James J. Dykema, Carolyn C. Ehrlich, Lori A. Fallon, Christopher G. 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. Haddad, Patricia A. Harrington, Sheila C. Hecht, Jonathan Henriquez, Carlos Tony Hill, Bradford Hogan, Kate Holmes, Russell E. Honan, Kevin G. Howitt, Steven S. Humason, Donald F., Jr. Hunt, Ryan Jones, Bradley H., Jr. Kafka, Louis L.</p>
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Kane, Michael F.	Provost, Denise
Kaufman, Jay R.	Puppolo, Angelo J., Jr.
Keenan, John D.	Reinstein, Kathi-Anne
Khan, Kay	Rogers, John H.
Kocot, Peter V.	Rosa, Dennis A.
Koczera, Robert M.	Ross, George T.
Koutoujian, Peter J.	Rushing, Byron
Kulik, Stephen	Sánchez, Jeffrey
Kuros, Kevin J.	Sannicandro, Tom
Levy, Steven L.	Scaccia, Angelo M.
Lewis, Jason M.	Schmid, Paul A. III
Linsky, David Paul	Scibak, John W.
Lombardo, Marc T.	Sciortino, Carl M., Jr.
Lyons, James J., Jr.	Smith, Stephen Stat
Madden, Timothy R.	Smizik, Frank I.
Mahoney, John J.	Smola, Todd M.
Malia, Elizabeth A.	Speliotis, Theodore C.
Mariano, Ronald	Speranzo, Christopher N.
Mark, Paul W.	Spiliotis, Joyce A.
Markey, Christopher M.	Stanley, Harriett L.
McMurtry, Paul	Stanley, Thomas M.
Miceli, James R.	Story, Ellen
Michlewitz, Aaron	Straus, William M.
Moran, Michael J.	Sullivan, David B.
Murphy, Charles A.	Swan, Benjamin
Murphy, James M.	Timilty, Walter F.
Murphy, Kevin J.	Toomey, Timothy J., Jr.
Nangle, David M.	Torrise, David M.
Naughton, Harold P., Jr.	Turner, Cleon H.
Nyman, Rhonda L.	Vallee, James E.
O'Connell, Shauna L.	Vieira, David T.
O'Day, James J.	Wagner, Joseph F.
O'Flaherty, Eugene L.	Walsh, Chris
Parisella, Jerald A.	Walsh, Martin J.
Peake, Sarah K.	Walsh, Steven M.
Pedone, Vincent A.	Walz, Martha M.
Peisch, Alice Hanlon	Webster, Daniel K.
Peterson, George N., Jr.	Winslow, Daniel B.
Petrolati, Thomas M.	Wolf, Alice K.
Pignatelli, William Smitty	Wong, Donald H.
Poirier, Elizabeth A.	

At the request of the presiding officer (Mr. Scaccia of Boston), prayer was offered by the Reverend Christopher J. Hickey of St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Church in Hanover, as follows:

Prayer.

Good and gracious God in Your great love for us You have said that whatever we do for the least among us we do for You — let us remain mindful of that commitment. God of Mercy, You give us a marvelous example of charity and great commandment to love one another. We ask You Lord to send down Your blessing upon these members of the Massachusetts Legislature who devote themselves to the needs of others. When they are called upon in times of need let them faithfully serve You. We ask Your continued blessing that they serve the public trust with great integrity and love. And all of this we ask in God's name, Amen.

Ms. Nyman of Hanover then moved that the prayer be spread upon the records; and the motion prevailed.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Scaccia), Lance Corporal James Crosby of Winthrop led the members, guests and employees in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

The National Anthem then was sung by Maria T. Acerra of Norwood, an employee of the House Clerk's Office, and Kristyn Taylor of Medford, an employee of the House of Representatives. National Anthem.

Silent Prayers.

During the session, at the request of Representatives Sullivan of Fall River, Aguiar of Fall River and Schmid of Westport, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silence in respect to the memory of Army Private First Class Ethan Goncalo, formerly of Fall River, who died in Afghanistan on December 11, 2010, in the capitol Kabul. Army PFC Ethan Goncalo.

He is survived his father, Louis P. Goncalo, Jr. (wife Beth Goncalo) of Fall River; mother, Kelly Reed of Roxbury; brothers, Matt Reed and Michael Goncalo; grandparents, John and Cindy Getchell, Jr.; grandmothers, Judy Pires and Carolyn Reed; grandfather, Walter Bonner; 5 nieces, several uncles, aunts and many cousins.

During the session, at the request of the Chair (Mr. Scaccia of Boston), the members, guests and employees paused for a moment of silent prayer for Michael J. Callahan, a member of the Executive Council from the Sixth District, who was gravely ill. Michael J. Callahan.

Remarks of Dean Scaccia.

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

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, Charles F. Flaherty of Cambridge, Thomas M. Finneran of Boston and Salvatore F. DiMasi of Boston; and Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Roderick Ireland, Stephen Murphy, President of the City Council of Boston; and Michael Joseph Donovan, Clerk of the Suffolk Superior Court for Civil Business. Distinguished guests.

Boston Latin School Choir.

During the opening session of the House of Representatives, the members, guests and employees were, on several occasions, entertained with beautiful musical renditions performed by the Boston Latin School Choir. Boston Latin School Choir.

Special Communication.

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 5, 2011.

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 second day of November, 2010 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.

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, Moran of Boston and Peterson of Grafton were appointed the committee.

Subsequently Mr. O’Flaherty of Chelsea, for said special committee, reported, in part, thereon that the following named persons had been duly elected, to wit:—

LIST OF PERSONS ELECTED ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010, AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2011 — 2012.

D — Democrat. R — Republican.

• BARNSTABLE COUNTY •

- DISTRICT 1 — CLEON H. TURNER (D) OF DENNIS — Brewster; Dennis; Yarmouth: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 7.
DISTRICT 2 — DEMETRIUS J. ATSAKIS (D) OF BARNSTABLE — Barnstable: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 13; Yarmouth: Precincts 3, 5, 6.
DISTRICT 3 — DAVID T. VIEIRA (R) OF FALMOUTH — Barnstable: Precincts 5, 7; Bourne: Precincts 5, 6; Falmouth: Precincts 3, 4, 7, 8, 9; Mashpee: Precincts 2, 4, 5.
DISTRICT 4 — SARAH K. PEAKE (D) OF PROVINCETOWN — Chatham; Eastham; Harwich; Orleans; Provincetown; Truro; Wellfleet.

- DISTRICT 5 — RANDY HUNT (R) OF SANDWICH — Barnstable: Precincts 10, 11, 12; Bourne: Precinct 4; Mashpee: Precincts 1, 3; Sandwich.

• 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; Clarksburg; Florida; North Adams; Savoy; Williamstown; Charlemont (Franklin Co.); Hawley (Franklin Co.); Heath (Franklin Co.); Monroe (Franklin Co.); Rowe (Franklin Co.).

- DISTRICT 2 — PAUL W. MARK (D) OF HANCOCK — Becket; Cheshire; Dalton; Hancock; Hinsdale; Lanesborough; New Ashford; Peru; Richmond; Washington; Windsor; Pittsfield: Ward 1: Precinct B; Ashfield (Franklin Co.); Bernardston (Franklin Co.); Buckland (Franklin Co.); Colrain (Franklin Co.); Leyden (Franklin Co.); Northfield (Franklin Co.); Shelburne (Franklin Co.); Cumington (Hampshire Co.); Middlefield (Hampshire Co.); Plainfield (Hampshire Co.).

- DISTRICT 3 — CHRISTOPHER N. SPERANZO (D) OF PITTSFIELD — Pittsfield: Ward 1: Precinct A, Wards 2, 3, 4, Ward 5: Precinct A, Wards 6, 7.

- DISTRICT 4 — WILLIAM SMITTY PIGNATELLI (D) OF LENOX — Alford; Egremont; Great Barrington; Lee; Lenox; Monterey; Mount Washington; New Marlborough; Otis; Pittsfield: Precinct 5B; Sandisfield; Sheffield; Stockbridge; Tyringham; West Stockbridge; Blandford (Hampden Co.); Chester (Hampden Co.); Tolland (Hampden Co.).

• BRISTOL COUNTY •

- DISTRICT 1 — F. JAY BARROWS (R) OF MANSFIELD — Mansfield: Precincts 1, 3, 6; Norton: Precincts 3, 4, 5; Foxborough (Norfolk Co.).

- DISTRICT 2 — GEORGE T. ROSS (R) OF ATTLEBORO — Attleboro: Wards 1, 2; Ward 3: Precinct A; Wards 4, 5, 6.

- DISTRICT 3 — SHAUNNA L. O’CONNELL (R) OF TAUNTON — Taunton: Ward 1: Precinct B, Wards 2, 3, 5, 7, 8.

- DISTRICT 4 — STEVEN S. HOWITT (R) OF SEEKONK — Norton: Precinct 1; Rehoboth; Seekonk; Swansea: Precincts 1, 3, 4, 5.

- DISTRICT 5 — PATRICIA A. HADDAD (D) OF SOMERSET — Dighton; Somerset; Swansea: Precinct 2; Taunton: Ward 1: Precinct A, Ward 4: Precinct B, Ward 6.

- DISTRICT 6 — DAVID B. SULLIVAN (D) OF FALL RIVER — Berkley; Fall River: Ward 4: Precinct C, Ward 7: Precincts A, C, D, Ward 8: Precincts B, C, D, Ward 9: Precincts A, B, C; Freetown: Precinct 1.

- DISTRICT 7 — KEVIN AGUIAR (D) OF FALL RIVER — Fall River: Ward 1: Precincts B, C, D, Ward 2: Precincts A, B, C, Ward 3: Precincts A, B, C, Ward 4: Precincts A, B, Ward 5: Precinct A.

- DISTRICT 8 — PAUL A. SCHMID, III (D) OF WESTPORT — Fall River: Ward 1: Precinct A, Ward 5: Precincts B, C, Ward 6: Precincts A, B, C, Ward 7: Precinct B, Ward 8: Precinct A; Westport.

• BRISTOL COUNTY (Continued) •

- DISTRICT 9 — CHRISTOPHER M. MARKEY (D) OF DARTMOUTH — Dartmouth; Freetown: Precinct 2; New Bedford: Ward 3: Precincts F, G; Lakeville: Precinct 1 (Plymouth Co.).
- DISTRICT 10 — WILLIAM M. STRAUS (D) OF MATTAPOISETT — Fairhaven; Marion (Plymouth Co.); Mattapoisett (Plymouth Co.); Rochester (Plymouth Co.); Middleborough: Precincts 3, 6 (Plymouth Co.).
- DISTRICT 11 — ROBERT M. KOCZERA (D) OF NEW BEDFORD — Acushnet; New Bedford: Ward 1: Precincts A, B, C, D, E, Ward 2.
- DISTRICT 12 — STEPHEN R. CANESSA (D) OF NEW BEDFORD — Freetown: Precinct 3; New Bedford: Ward 1: Precincts F, G, Ward 3: Precincts A, B, C, D, E, Ward 4: Precincts D, E; Taunton: Ward 4: Precinct A; Lakeville: Precincts 2, 3, (Plymouth Co.); Middleborough: Precincts 2, 4, (Plymouth Co.).
- DISTRICT 13 — ANTONIO F. D. CABRAL (D) OF NEW BEDFORD — New Bedford: Ward 4: Precincts A, B, C, F, G, Wards 5, 6.
- DISTRICT 14 — ELIZABETH A. POIRIER (R) OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH — Attleboro: Ward 3: Precinct B, Mansfield: Precincts 2, 5; North Attleborough; Norton: Precinct 2.

• ESSEX COUNTY •

- DISTRICT 1 — MICHAEL A. COSTELLO (D) OF NEWBURYPORT — Amesbury; Salisbury; Newburyport.
- DISTRICT 2 — HARRIETT L. STANLEY (D) OF WEST NEWBURY — Georgetown: Precinct 1; Groveland; Haverhill: Ward 4: Precinct 3, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 3; Merrimac; Newbury; Rowley; 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 HILL (R) OF IPSWICH — Boxford: Precincts 1, 3; Hamilton; Wenham; Ipswich; Manchester-by-the-Sea; Middleton: Precinct 2.
- DISTRICT 5 — ANN-MARGARET FERRANTE (D) GLOUCESTER — Essex; Rockport; Gloucester.
- 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.
- DISTRICT 9 — DONALD H. WONG (R) OF SAUGUS — Lynn: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2; Lynnfield: Precinct 2; Saugus: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Wakefield: Precincts 1, 2, 7 (Middlesex Co.).
- DISTRICT 10 — ROBERT F. FENNEL (D) OF LYNN — Lynn: Ward 1: Precincts 3, 4, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 5: Precinct 3.
- DISTRICT 11 — STEVEN M. WALSH (D) OF LYNN — Lynn: Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2, 4, Wards 6, 7; Nahant.
- DISTRICT 12 — JOYCE A. SPILLOTIS (D) OF PEABODY — Peabody: Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
- DISTRICT 13 — THEODORE C. SPILLOTIS (D) OF DANVERS — Danvers; Topsfield; Peabody: Ward 6.

- DISTRICT 14 — DAVID M. TORRISI (D) OF NORTH ANDOVER — Lawrence: Ward A, Precincts 1, 3, Ward E, Precincts 2, 3, Ward F, Precincts 1, 2, 4; North Andover: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
- DISTRICT 15 — LINDA DEAN CAMPBELL (D) OF METHUEN — Methuen: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.
- DISTRICT 16 — MARCOS A. DEVERS (D) OF LAWRENCE — Lawrence: Ward A, Precincts 2, 4, Wards B, C, Ward D, Precincts 3, 4, Ward F, Precinct 3.
- DISTRICT 17 — PAUL ADAMS (R) OF ANDOVER — Andover: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9; Lawrence: Ward D, Precincts 1, 2, Ward E, Precincts 1, 4; Tewksbury: Precincts 3, 3A (Middlesex Co.).
- DISTRICT 18 — JAMES J. LYONS, JR. (R) OF ANDOVER — Andover: Precincts 1, 7, 8; Boxford: Precinct 2; Georgetown: Precinct 2; Haverhill: Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 5: Precinct 2, Ward 7: Precinct 2; Methuen: Precinct 7; North Andover: Precincts 7, 8.

• FRANKLIN COUNTY •

- DISTRICT 1 — STEPHEN KULIK (D) OF WORTHINGTON — Conway; Deerfield; Leverett; New Salem; Shutesbury; Sunderland; Wendell; Whately; Belchertown: Precincts A, D (Hampshire Co.); Chesterfield (Hampshire Co.); Huntington (Hampshire Co.); Pelham (Hampshire Co.); Williamsburg (Hampshire Co.); Worthington (Hampshire Co.).
- DISTRICT 2 — DENISE ANDREWS (D) OF ORANGE — Erving; Gill; Greenfield; Orange; Warwick; Athol (Worcester Co.).

• HAMPDEN COUNTY •

- DISTRICT 1 — TODD M. SMOLA (R) OF PALMER — 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 3, 4; Hampden; Longmeadow; Monson; Springfield: Ward 6: Precincts B, C.
- DISTRICT 3 — NICHOLAS A. BOLDYGA (R) OF SOUTHWICK — Agawam; Granville; Russell; Southwick.
- DISTRICT 4 — DONALD F. HUMASON, JR. (R) OF WESTFIELD — Westfield.
- DISTRICT 5 — MICHAEL F. KANE (D) OF HOLYOKE — Holyoke.
- DISTRICT 6 — MICHAEL J. FINN (D) OF WEST SPRINGFIELD — Chicopee: Ward 2: Precinct B, Ward 4: Precincts A, B, C, Ward 5: Precinct B; 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 (Hampshire Co.).
- DISTRICT 8 — JOSEPH F. WAGNER (D) OF CHICOPEE — Chicopee: Ward 1: Precincts A, B, Ward 2: Precincts A, C, D, Ward 3: Precincts A, B, C, Ward 6: Precinct A, Ward 7: Precincts A, B, Ward 8: Precincts A, B, Ward 9: Precincts A, B.
- DISTRICT 9 — SEAN CURRAN (D) OF SPRINGFIELD — Chicopee: Ward 5: Precinct A; Springfield: Ward 2: Precincts A, B, C, D, F, G, H, Ward 5: Precincts C, D, G, H, Ward 7: Precinct H, Ward 8: Precincts A, B, D, H.

• HAMPDEN COUNTY (Continued) •

- DISTRICT 10 — CHERYL A. COAKLEY-RIVERA (D) OF SPRINGFIELD —
Springfield: Ward 1, Ward 3: Precincts B, C, F, G, H, Ward 6: Precincts A, E, G.
- DISTRICT 11 — BENJAMIN SWAN (D) OF SPRINGFIELD —
Springfield: Ward 3: Precincts A, D, E, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precincts A, B, E, F, Ward 7:
Precinct A, Ward 8: Precinct C.
- DISTRICT 12 — ANGELO J. PUPPOLO, JR. (D) OF SPRINGFIELD —
East Longmeadow: Precincts 1, 2; Springfield: Ward 6: Precincts D, F, H, Ward 7:
Precincts B, C, D, E, F, G; Wilbraham.

• HAMPSHIRE COUNTY •

- DISTRICT 1 — PETER V. KOCOT (D) OF NORTHAMPTON —
Montgomery (Hampden Co.); Hatfield; Northampton; Southampton; Westhampton.
- DISTRICT 2 — JOHN W. SCIBAK (D) OF SOUTH HADLEY —
Easthampton; Hadley; South Hadley.
- DISTRICT 3 — ELLEN STORY (D) OF AMHERST —
Amherst; Granby.

• MIDDLESEX COUNTY •

- DISTRICT 1 — SHEILA C. HARRINGTON (R) OF GROTON —
Ayer; Dunstable; Groton; Pepperell; Townsend.
- DISTRICT 2 — JAMES ARCIERO (D) OF WESTFORD —
Chelmsford: Precincts 3, 5, 7; Littleton; Westford.
- DISTRICT 3 — KATE HOGAN (D) OF STOW —
Hudson; Maynard; Stow; Bolton (Worcester Co.).
- DISTRICT 4 — STEVEN L. LEVY (R) OF MARLBOROUGH —
Marlborough; Southborough: Precinct 1 (Worcester Co.); Berlin (Worcester Co.).
- DISTRICT 5 — DAVID PAUL LINSKY (D) OF NATICK —
Natick: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Sherborn; Millis: Precincts 2, 3 (Norfolk Co.).
- DISTRICT 6 — CHRIS WALSH (D) OF FRAMINGHAM —
Framingham: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 17.
- DISTRICT 7 — TOM SANNICANDRO (D) OF ASHLAND —
Ashland; Framingham: Precincts 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18.
- DISTRICT 8 — CAROLYN C. DYKEMA (D) HOLLISTON —
Holliston; Hopkinton; Medway: Precinct 1 (Norfolk Co.); Southborough: Precincts 2, 3
(Worcester Co.); Westborough: Precinct 2 (Worcester Co.).
- DISTRICT 9 — THOMAS M. STANLEY (D) OF WALTHAM —
Lexington: Precincts 2, 3, 4; Waltham: Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 7: Precinct 1.
- DISTRICT 10 — PETER J. KOUTOUJIAN (D) OF WALTHAM —
Newton: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 4, Ward 3: Precinct 4; Waltham: Wards 5, 6, Ward 7:
Precinct 2, Wards 8, 9; Watertown: Precinct 10.
- DISTRICT 11 — KAY KHAN (D) OF NEWTON —
Newton: Ward 1: Precincts 2, 3, Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3,
Ward 4, Ward 5: Precinct 4, Ward 7: Precinct 2.
- DISTRICT 12 — RUTH B. BALSER (D) OF NEWTON —
Newton: Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 6, Ward 7: Precincts 1, 3, 4, Ward 8.
- DISTRICT 13 — THOMAS P. CONROY (D) OF WAYLAND —
Lincoln; Sudbury; Wayland.

- DISTRICT 14 — CORY ATKINS (D) OF CONCORD —
Acton: Precincts 1, 2, 6; Carlisle; Concord; Chelmsford: Precincts 1, 9.
- DISTRICT 15 — JAY R. KAUFMAN (D) OF LEXINGTON —
Arlington: Precincts 14, 17, 20, 21; Lexington: Precincts 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Woburn:
Wards 1, 7.
- DISTRICT 16 — THOMAS A. GOLDEN, JR. (D) OF LOWELL —
Chelmsford: Precincts 2, 6, 8; Lowell: Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Wards 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 —
Lynnfield: Precincts 1, 3, 4 (Essex Co.); Middleton: Precinct 1 (Essex Co.); North
Reading; Reading: Precincts 1, 4, 6, 7, 8.
- DISTRICT 21 — CHARLES A. MURPHY (D) OF BURLINGTON —
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, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19; Medford: Ward 3:
Precinct 2, Ward 6: Precincts 1, 2.
- DISTRICT 24 — WILLIAM N. BROWNSBERGER (D) OF BELMONT —
Arlington: Precincts 2, 4; Belmont; Cambridge: Ward 10: Precinct 3, Ward 11:
Precincts 1, 2, 3.
- DISTRICT 25 — ALICE K. WOLF (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: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 6: Precinct 1;
Somerville: Ward 1, Ward 2: Precincts 1, 2.
- DISTRICT 27 — DENISE PROVOST (D) OF SOMERVILLE —
Somerville: Ward 2: Precinct 3, Ward 3, Ward 4: Precinct 3, Wards 5, 6.
- DISTRICT 28 — STEVEN STAT SMITH (D) OF EVERETT —
Everett; Malden: Ward 7: Precinct 2.
- DISTRICT 29 — JONATHAN HECHT (D) OF WATERTOWN —
Cambridge: Ward 9; Watertown: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12.
- DISTRICT 30 — JAMES J. DWYER (D) OF WOBURN —
Reading: Precincts 2, 3, 5; Stoneham: Precinct 3; Woburn: Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
- DISTRICT 31 — JASON M. LEWIS (D) OF WINCHESTER —
Stoneham: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7; Winchester.
- DISTRICT 32 — PAUL BRODEUR (D) OF MELROSE —
Melrose; Wakefield: Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6.
- DISTRICT 33 — CHRISTOPHER G. FALLON (D) OF MALDEN —
Malden: Ward 2, Ward 3: Precinct 1, Wards 4, 5, 6, 8.
- DISTRICT 34 — CARL M. SCIORTINO, JR. (D) OF MEDFORD —
Medford: Wards 4, 5, Ward 7: Precinct 1, Ward 8: Precinct 2; Somerville: Ward 4:
Precincts 1, 2, Ward 7.

• MIDDLESEX COUNTY (Continued) •

- 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; Boxborough; Shirley; Harvard (Worcester Co.); Lancaster:
Precinct 1 (Worcester Co.); Lunenburg (Worcester Co.).
- NORFOLK COUNTY •
- DISTRICT 1 — BRUCE J. AYERS (D) OF QUINCY —
Quincy: Ward 3: Precincts 3, 4, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 5: Precincts 2, 5, Ward 6:
Randolph: Precincts 5, 6.
- DISTRICT 2 — TACKEY CHAN (D) OF QUINCY —
Quincy: Ward 1, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 5, Ward 4: Precincts 2, 4, Ward 5: Precincts 1,
3, 4.
- 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.
- DISTRICT 5 — MARK J. CUSACK (D) OF BRAINTREE —
Braintree; Holbrook: Precinct 1; Randolph: Precinct 3.
- 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 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; Randolph: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 7, 8.
- DISTRICT 8 — LOUIS L. KAFKA (D) OF STOUGHTON —
Mansfield: Precinct 4 (Bristol Co.); Sharon; Stoughton: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 6; Walpole:
Precincts 3, 4.
- DISTRICT 9 — DANIEL B. WINSLOW (R) OF NORFOLK —
Medfield: Precincts 3, 4; Millis: Precinct 1; Norfolk; Plainville; Walpole: Precinct 5;
Wrentham.
- DISTRICT 10 — JAMES E. VALLEE (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 —
Natick: Precinct 10 (Middlesex Co.); Weston (Middlesex Co.); Wellesley.
- 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, 9, 10, 12, 14.
- DISTRICT 2 — SUSAN WILLIAMS GIFFORD (R) OF WAREHAM —
Bourne: Precincts 1, 2 (Barnstable Co.); Carver; Wareham.
- DISTRICT 3 — GARRETT J. BRADLEY (D) OF HINGHAM —
Cohasset (Norfolk Co.); Hingham; Hull; Scituate: Precinct 3.
- 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 — DANIEL K. WEBSTER (R) OF PEMBROKE —
Duxbury: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5; Halifax: Precinct 2; Hanson; Pembroke.
- DISTRICT 7 — GEOFFREY G. DIEHL (R) OF WHITMAN —
Abington; East Bridgewater; Whitman.
- DISTRICT 8 — ANGELO L. D'EMILIA (R) OF BRIDGEWATER —
Easton: Precinct 6 (Bristol Co.); Raynham (Bristol Co.); Bridgewater.
- DISTRICT 9 — MICHAEL D. BRADY (D) OF BROCKTON —
Brockton: Ward 1: Precincts B, D, Ward 2: Precincts B, C, D, Ward 3, Ward 4:
Precincts A, D, Ward 5: Precinct A.
- DISTRICT 10 — CHRISTINE E. CANAVAN (D) OF BROCKTON —
Easton: Precinct 3 (Bristol Co.); Brockton: Ward 4: Precincts B, C, Ward 5: Precincts
B, C, D, Ward 6; West Bridgewater.
- DISTRICT 11 — GERALDINE CREEDON (D) OF BROCKTON —
Easton: Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5 (Bristol Co.); Brockton: Ward 1: Precincts A, C, Ward 2:
Precinct A, Ward 7.
- DISTRICT 12 — THOMAS J. CALTER (D) OF KINGSTON —
Duxbury: Precincts 1, 6; Halifax: Precinct 1; Kingston; Middleborough: Precincts 1, 5;
Plymouth: Precincts 1, 11, 13; Plympton.
- SUFFOLK COUNTY •
- DISTRICT 1 — CARLO BASILE (D) OF BOSTON —
Boston: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.
- DISTRICT 2 — EUGENE L. O'FLAHERTY (D) OF CHELSEA —
Boston: Ward 2; Chelsea: Wards 1, 2, Ward 3: Precincts 1, 3, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 4.
- DISTRICT 3 — AARON MICHLEWITZ (D) OF BOSTON —
Boston: Ward 3: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, Ward 4: Precinct 1, Ward 5: Precinct 1,
Ward 8: Precincts 1, 2, 3.
- DISTRICT 4 — NICK COLLINS (D) OF BOSTON —
Boston: Ward 1: Precinct 15 Harbor Islands, Ward 6 Ward 7: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
7, 8, 9, Ward 8: Precinct 6, Ward 13: Precinct 3.
- DISTRICT 5 — CARLOS TONY HENRIQUEZ (D) OF BOSTON —
Boston: Ward 7: Precinct 10, Ward 8: Precincts 5 and 7, Ward 12: Precinct 6, Ward 13:
Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, Ward 15: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, Ward 16: Precinct 1,
Ward 17: Precinct 2.
- DISTRICT 6 — RUSSELL E. HOLMES (D) OF BOSTON —
Boston: Ward 14: Precincts 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Ward 17: Precincts 7, 8, 10, 11,
Ward 18: Precincts 7, 8, 15, Ward 19: Precincts 11, 12, 13.

• SUFFOLK COUNTY (Continued) •

- DISTRICT 7 — GLORIA L. FOX (D) OF BOSTON —
Boston: Ward 4: Precincts 8, 9, 10, Ward 8: Precinct 4, Ward 9: Precincts 4, 5, Ward 10: Precinct 4, Ward 11: Precinct 1, Ward 12: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, Ward 21: Precinct 1.
- DISTRICT 8 — MARTHA M. WALZ (D) OF BOSTON —
Cambridge (Middlesex Co.): Ward 2: Precinct 3, Ward 3: Precinct 3, Ward 5: Boston: Ward 3: Precinct 5, Ward 5: Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11.
- DISTRICT 9 — BYRON RUSHING (D) OF BOSTON —
Cambridge (Middlesex Co.): Ward 2: Precinct 2, Boston: Ward 4: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Ward 5: Precincts 2, 10, Ward 9: Precincts 1, 2, 3.
- DISTRICT 10 — EDWARD F. COPPINGER (D) OF BOSTON —
Brookline (Norfolk Co.): Precincts 14, 15, 16; Boston: Ward 20: Precincts 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.
- DISTRICT 11 — ELIZABETH A. MALIA (D) OF BOSTON —
Boston: Ward 11: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 Ward 12: Precinct 7, Ward 14: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, Ward 19: Precincts 6, 7.
- DISTRICT 12 — LINDA DORCENA FORRY (D) OF BOSTON —
Milton (Norfolk Co.) Precincts 1, 3; Boston: Ward 16: Precincts 8, 11, 12, Ward 17: Precincts 4, 12, 13, 14, Ward 18: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 21.
- DISTRICT 13 — MARTIN J. WALSH (D) OF BOSTON —
Boston: Ward 13: Precincts 7, 8, 9, 10, Ward 15, Precinct 6, Ward 16: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, Ward 17: Precincts 1, 3, 5, 6, 9.
- DISTRICT 14 — ANGELO M. SCACCIA (D) OF BOSTON —
Milton (Norfolk Co.): Precinct 11; Boston: Ward 18: Precincts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, Ward 19: Precinct 10, Ward 20: Precincts 8, 9.
- DISTRICT 15 — JEFFREY SANCHEZ (D) OF BOSTON —
Brookline (Norfolk Co.): Precinct 5; Boston: Ward 10: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Ward 11: Precinct 6, Ward 19: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, Ward 20: Precincts 1, 2, 4.
- DISTRICT 16 — KATHI-ANNE REINSTEIN (D) OF REVERE —
Saugus: Precincts 3, 10 (Essex Co.); Chelsea: Ward 3: Precincts 2, 4, Ward 4: Precincts 2, 3; Revere: Ward 1: Precinct 3, Ward 3: Precinct 1, Ward 4: Precincts 1, 2, 3, Ward 5: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 6: Precincts 1, 2, 3.
- DISTRICT 17 — KEVIN G. HONAN (D) OF BOSTON —
Boston: Ward 21: Precincts 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Ward 22: Precincts 2, 3, 6, 9, 10.
- DISTRICT 18 — MICHAEL J. MORAN (D) OF BOSTON —
Brookline (Norfolk Co.): Precinct 1; Boston: Ward 21: Precincts 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 16, Ward 22: Precincts 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13.
- 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; Hubbardston; Oakham; Princeton; Rutland; Sterling; Precinct 1; Westminster.
- DISTRICT 2 — RICHARD BASTIEN (R) OF GARDNER —
Ashby (Middlesex Co.), Gardner, Ashburnham, Royalston, Winchendon.
- DISTRICT 3 — STEPHEN L. DiNATALE (D) OF FITCHBURG — Fitchburg.
- DISTRICT 4 — DENNIS A. ROSA (D) OF LEOMINSTER — Leominster.

- DISTRICT 5 — ANNE M. GOBI (D) OF SPENCER —
Ware: Precinct A (Hampshire Co.); Barre; Brookfield; Hardwick; New Braintree; North Brookfield; Petersham; Phillipston; West Brookfield; Spencer: Precincts 2, 3; Templeton.
- DISTRICT 6 — *1 —
Charlton; East Brookfield; Oxford: Precinct 2; Southbridge; Spencer: Precincts 1, 4.
- DISTRICT 7 — PAUL K. FROST (R) OF AUBURN —
Auburn; Millbury; Oxford: Precincts 1, 3; Sutton: Precinct 3.
- DISTRICT 8 — KEVIN J. KUROK (R) OF UXBRIDGE —
Douglas; Dudley; Oxford: Precinct 4; Uxbridge: Precinct 3; Webster.
- DISTRICT 9 — GEORGE N. PETERSON, JR. (R) OF GRAFTON —
Grafton; Northbridge; Upton; Westborough: Precincts 3, 5.
- DISTRICT 10 — JOHN V. FERNANDES (D) OF MILFORD —
Hopdale; Mendon; Milford.
- DISTRICT 11 — MATTHEW A. BEATON (R) OF SHREWSBURY —
Shrewsbury; Westborough: Precincts 1, 4.
- DISTRICT 12 — HAROLD P. NAUGHTON, JR. (D) OF CLINTON —
Boylston; Clinton; Northborough; Sterling: Precinct 2; Lancaster: Precinct 2.
- DISTRICT 13 — JOHN J. MAHONEY (D) OF WORCESTER —
Paxton; Worcester: Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, Ward 9, Ward 10: Precinct 3.
- 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 — VINCENT A. PEDONE (D) OF WORCESTER —
Worcester: Ward 3: Precincts 2, 4, Ward 4, Ward 5: Precinct 3, Ward 10: Precincts 1, 2, 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 —
Bellingham (Norfolk Co.); Blackstone; Millville; Sutton: Precincts 1, 2; Uxbridge: Precincts 1, 2, 4.

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

Order.

Mr. Miceli of Wilmington being in the Chair, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Boston,—

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.

Governor notified.

*1 No certificate of election received. Under Art. LXIV, as amended by Art. LXXXII of the Amendments to the Constitution, Gerald Alicia of Charlton continued to represent the Sixth Worcester District as a "holdover", so-called.

Representatives-elect Walsh of Boston, Koczera of New Bedford, Story of Amherst, Wagner of Chicopee, Peterson of Grafton, Stanley of West Newbury, Fennell of Lynn, deMacedo of Plymouth, Malia of Boston, Fresolo of Worcester, Poirier of North Attleborough, Reinstein of Revere, Balsler of Newton, Gobi of Spencer, Spiliotis of Peabody, Pignatelli of Lenox, Provost of Somerville, Calter of Kingston, Puppolo of Springfield and Dykema of Holliston were appointed the committee.

Subsequently Mr. Walsh of Boston, 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.

Oaths of office administered by the Governor.

Soon afterward His Excellency the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, accompanied by the Honorable Martha Coakley, Attorney General of the Commonwealth, the Honorable A. Joseph DeNucci, 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. Swan of Springfield,—

Election of Speaker.

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 the following named members voted for Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop:

Aguiar, Kevin	Chan, Tackey
Andrews, Denise	Coakley-Rivera, Cheryl A.
Arciero, James	Collins, Nick
Ashe, Brian M.	Conroy, Thomas P.
Atkins, Cory	Coppinger, Edward F.
Atsalis, Demetrius J.	Costello, Michael A.
Ayers, Bruce J.	Creedon, Geraldine M.
Balsler, Ruth B.	Curran, Sean
Basile, Carlo	Cusack, Mark J.
Benson, Jennifer E.	DeLeo, Robert A.
Binienda, John J.	Dempsey, Brian S.
Bradley, Garrett J.	Devers, Marcos A.
Brady, Michael D.	DiNatale, Stephen L.
Brodeur, Paul	Donato, Paul J.
Brownsberger, William N.	Dwyer, James J.
Cabral, Antonio F. D.	Dykema, Carolyn C.
Calter, Thomas J.	Ehrlich, Lori A.
Campbell, Linda Dean	Fallon, Christopher G.
Canavan, Christine E.	Fennell, Robert F.
Canessa, Stephen R.	Fernandes, John V.
Cantwell, James M.	Ferrante, Ann-Margaret
Cariddi, Gailanne M.	Finn, Michael J.

Forry, Linda Dorcena	O'Day, James J.
Fox, Gloria L.	O'Flaherty, Eugene L.
Fresolo, John P.	Parisella, Jerald A.
Galvin, William C.	Peake, Sarah K.
Garballey, Sean	Pedone, Vincent A.
Garlick, Denise C.	Peisch, Alice Hanlon
Garry, Colleen M.	Petrolati, Thomas M.
Gobi, Anne M.	Pignatelli, William Smitty
Golden, Thomas A., Jr.	Provost, Denise
Haddad, Patricia A.	Puppolo, Angelo J., Jr.
Hecht, Jonathan	Reinstein, Kathi-Anne
Henriquez, Carlos Tony	Rogers, John H.
Hogan, Kate	Rosa, Dennis A.
Holmes, Russell E.	Rushing, Byron
Honan, Kevin G.	Sánchez, Jeffrey
Kafka, Louis L.	Sannicandro, Tom
Kane, Michael F.	Scaccia, Angelo M.
Kaufman, Jay R.	Schmid, Paul A. III
Keenan, John D.	Seibak, John W.
Khan, Kay	Sciortino, Carl M., Jr.
Kocot, Peter V.	Smith, Stephen Stat
Koczera, Robert M.	Smizik, Frank I.
Koutoujian, Peter J.	Spiliotis, Theodore C.
Kulik, Stephen	Speranzo, Christopher N.
Lewis, Jason M.	Spiliotis, Joyce A.
Linsky, David Paul	Stanley, Harriett L.
Madden, Timothy R.	Stanley, Thomas M.
Mahoney, John J.	Story, Ellen
Malia, Elizabeth A.	Straus, William M.
Mariano, Ronald	Sullivan, David B.
Mark, Paul W.	Swan, Benjamin
Markey, Christopher M.	Timilty, Walter F.
McMurtry, Paul	Toomey, Timothy J., Jr.
Miceli, James R.	Torrisi, David M.
Michlewitz, Aaron	Turner, Cleon H.
Moran, Michael J.	Vallee, James E.
Murphy, Charles A.	Wagner, Joseph F.
Murphy, James M.	Walsh, Chris
Murphy, Kevin J.	Walsh, Martin J.
Nangle, David M.	Walsh, Steven M.
Naughton, Harold P., Jr.	Walz, Martha M.
Nyman, Rhonda L.	Wolf, Alice K.

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

Adams, Paul	Harrington, Sheila C.
Barrows, F. Jay	Hill, Bradford
Bastien, Richard	Howitt, Steven S.
Beaton, Matthew A.	Humason, Donald F., Jr.
Boldyga, Nicholas A.	Hunt, Ryan
deMacedo, Viriato Manuel	Jones, Bradley H., Jr.
D'Emilia, Angelo L.	Kuros, Kevin J.
Diehl, Geoffrey G.	Levy, Steven L.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Lombardo, Marc T.
Ferguson, Kimberly N.	Lyons, James J., Jr.
Frost, Paul	O'Connell, Shauna L.
Gifford, Susan Williams	Peterson, George N., Jr.

Poirier, Elizabeth	Webster, Daniel K.
Ross, George T.	Winslow, Daniel B.
Smola, Todd M.	Wong, Donald H.
Vieira, David T.	

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING (1):— Alicea, Geraldo — 1.

The Chair announced the result of the vote as follows:

Whole number of votes	159
Necessary for a choice	80
Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop had	128
Bradley H. Jones, Jr., of North Reading had	31

And Mr. DeLeo was declared elected. On motion of Mr. Swan of Springfield, a committee was authorized to escort the Speaker to the Chamber. Mr. Swan, having taken the Chair, then appointed Representatives Fox of Boston, Binienda of Worcester, Cabral of New Bedford, O’Flaherty of Chelsea, Garry of Dracut, Khan of Newton, Fallon of Malden, Frost of Auburn, Murphy of Burlington, Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, Atkins of Concord, Haddad of Somerset, Gifford of Wareham, Webster of Pembroke, Speranzo of Pittsfield, Smith of Everett, Peake of Provincetown, Basile of Boston, Campbell of Methuen and Arciero of Westford, 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 Boston.

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

My friends, thank you. It’s truly an honor to be elected to serve as Speaker of this esteemed body.

Before I make some brief remarks, I’d like to take a moment to recognize some of those who have joined us today.

I am extremely happy to have with us members of my family including my partner Vicki, my son Rob, and my sister, Carol. My daughter Rachele is not with us today since she is volunteering at a pediatric care program in West Africa. I’m so proud of her commitment to service and sacrifice. These are the people who have been there to listen to me — every night and every day — over the past two years, supporting and encouraging me. I am grateful to all of them.

I also want to acknowledge the people of the 19th Suffolk District. As I rose to the Speakership two years ago, I promised myself that I would never lose sight of the people who sent me to this chamber. I am so intensely grateful for the opportunity they have given me for the last 20 years to serve them in the House of Representatives.

I am pleased to be joined today by a number of local officials, the Constitutional officers, former House Speakers and members of the Governor’s Council. I’d also like to thank the members of the clergy who are here.

We are also joined by the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, Roderick Ireland. Justice Ireland, I wish you well in your new role.

Remarks of the Speaker.

Finally, I also want to give a hearty welcome to the new class of representatives. I hope that this day is as filled with meaning for you as it was for me when I first joined the Legislature. Look up at the panels above me, which depict key moments in the story of our Commonwealth.

And, today, you become part of that story. With this incoming class, we add a new chapter and reach a new milestone as we welcome our first two Asian American members. We are lucky to have all of you, and I look forward to hearing from you as our session proceeds.

Now, more than ever, it’s important that public servants work together. In that spirit, I want to acknowledge and thank for his friendship the Minority Leader. Mr. Leader: The past two years have been quite challenging for folks and families across our great state. The times we live in demand that we come together to solve the issues facing our Commonwealth. You and I both well know that we work toward far more important objectives than simply angling for partisan victories. I’m confident that we will continue to work together to seek the best solutions on the matters before the House — the people of Massachusetts deserve no less and I pledge to do my part.

I also look forward to working with Governor Patrick and Lieutenant-Governor Murray and Senate President Murray on the challenges our Commonwealth faces in the years ahead.

No question, we are in challenging times. Managing through these times can be daunting. But periods of adversity have also proven to be the best times to offer new ideas, as people open their minds to welcome creative solutions.

More than any other legislature in the country, this body has been at the cutting edge. Many milestones of progress have been achieved right here in this chamber.

Tough choices confront us. We are now several years into the worst recession since the Great Depression. Still, Massachusetts has fared better during this downturn than other states. We have not resorted to IOUs to pay our bills — as has happened in some states. Our budget debates have not devolved into litigation — as has happened elsewhere. We will continue to show leadership in managing our budget difficulties and in so doing, I predict we will continue to outshine other states as we weather these circumstances together.

Managing through adverse conditions demands more than good ideas — it also demands real leadership. Last session, I asked city and town governments to work with unions to reach a cost-savings compromise — by moving their municipal health insurance into the GIC. At my urging, in my hometown of Winthrop we took that step and over the past year, saved \$900,000 in health insurance costs attributed to local public employees. I have been sorely disappointed that so few communities have brought their municipal health insurance into the GIC. If all of the state’s 351 cities and towns were to take this step, some \$100 million could be saved and reallocated to local aid.

Our current fiscal climate demands that we move in this direction. I can no longer permit our residents to suffer because we are so slow to progress in this area. While I anticipate that there will always be some who will take issue with this approach, notwithstanding years of debate we have yet to hear a better solution to municipal cost control. We must move forward.

Remarks of
the Speaker.

The reality is that municipal employee health insurance is a budget-buster which puts untenable strain on municipal services. Unless cities and towns can find health insurance at the same or lower cost than the GIC, we should force them to join — bringing them under the more efficient and cost effective state system. This will translate into immediate cost-savings for cities and towns while preserving an acceptable standard of quality health care for our public servants at the local level. Plus, with a larger pool in the GIC, the GIC will be in a better position to leverage its size and negotiate for more savings for all public employers going forward. This is exactly what we did with the pension system for cities and towns, and I'm confident that it holds promise for health insurance as well.

Continuing on the subject of health care, last session, the Legislature passed and the governor signed a sound measure to control the cost of health insurance for small businesses. This session we will see further work in this area. I look forward to working with Governor Patrick and Senate President Murray and healthcare leaders throughout the Commonwealth as we continue to seek solutions for spiraling healthcare costs.

We will look for other opportunities to save. But there is one thing we will not do: we will not raise taxes. Just as I vowed last year to support no new tax initiatives in the budget that came out of the House Ways and Means Committee, I will do the same this year.

Additionally, we must do more to foster and protect business growth in Massachusetts. I have listened to business leaders of small, large and medium-size companies for many years. If there is one message that I've heard time and time again, it is a plea for consistency in our tax laws. We have seen examples recently where even talk about capping tax credits has reduced investment in affected industries. Remember, our support for the film tax credit has made Massachusetts attractive to filmmakers and preserved and created jobs. I will do my part to maintain stability in the current corporate tax structure so that businesses know where they stand and can plan for the future.

This session we will continue to make our state more business friendly — not only by fostering a more predictable tax environment but also, by eliminating red tape.

Business men and women seek an environment that is both predictable and stable. They also seek venues that offer the best and the brightest in workforce recruits. Here in Massachusetts, we are blessed to have a highly-rated public system of higher education to accompany our internationally renowned private institutions. Just this year The Times of London rated the University of Massachusetts 56th in the world — an achievement that follows the Nobel Prize that Craig Mello won in 2006. That newspaper called the university “the gold standard for world-class research”.

At the same time, I remain deeply committed to our community colleges as an access and entry point to our public system as well as the workhorse of our workforce development programs here in the Commonwealth. As I have travelled across the state, I have been delighted to learn of the programs these colleges already run to help their students gain professional experience. For example, Mount Wachusett Community College offers a 12-week biotechnology training program which involves practical experience with Bristol Meyers Squibb.

Our community colleges help bring to life our commitment that all of our residents will have access to meaningful employment in a changing and challenging economy. We will not forget them as we struggle with tough economic times. Instead, we would be smart to lean on them more than ever to provide real opportunity to our fellow citizens experiencing unexpected professional challenges.

I don't have to remind this chamber and the broader community that our state still clamors for jobs and local aid. The most immediate source of these as well as long-term revenue remains gaming. I will work closely with Governor Patrick and Senate President Murray to devise a gaming plan which can provide much needed jobs, address the “blue collar depression,” and serve as a source of immediate local aid.

I am proud that in the previous legislative session, we passed unprecedented reforms of our systems of ethics, pensions, transportation and education. I want to emphasize that this session we will also do our part to ensure that all state agencies operate transparently and with the highest professional standards. We will make clear that all public servants must not only be qualified for their jobs; they must be the most qualified people for their jobs. And we will also ensure that state hiring authorities understand that we expect that they will serve but one master — the taxpaying public.

We face a difficult path before us. Last session, we met enormous hurdles and produced historic reforms. This session the challenges are perhaps even greater. Guided by faith in the resilience of our state and the historic mission of this chamber, I am confident that we will meet and surpass those challenges. With your help, your commitment and your diligence, I know we will. Thank you.

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:—

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

It is my honor to stand before you today on the occasion of the 187th Biennial session. I wish to begin by thanking the people of the Twentieth Middlesex district for their support and confidence in allowing me to continue to serve them. I also thank my Republican colleagues for the privilege of leading them. I congratulate the newly elected members and I take great pride and pleasure in welcoming the new Republican House members. The House Republican caucus is reenergized and reinvigorated — deeply passionate about playing an active role in making our state better.

Mr. Speaker, I am VERY happy today.

We are joined today in this chamber and in this State House by our family and friends; those special individuals who have worked tirelessly on our behalf and have made tremendous personal sacrifices so that we may serve the citizens of Massachusetts. Their continued, unwavering support earns them the right to be here today by our sides for truly this day is about them as well. We know that it is our families that keep us grounded and that we desperately need their support and

understanding. They are 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.

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

Joining me today to share in this special occasion is my wife Linda and son Nicholas. I am truly blessed and humbled to have such a loving family. I would like to publically thank Linda for her behind the scenes orchestration of my home and personal life. Her appreciation and understanding of the importance of my job allows me to serve with the highest level of commitment. Nicholas welcomes me home every night with a simple — so how was your day at the State House today Daddy — anything exciting happen? He makes me laugh when I need it most and he took great pride in helping me on the campaign trail. I would be remiss if I did not say that I am missing my daughter Alexis today who is in school but I know that the lunchroom is filled with exciting stories that come home from the State House. A word to the new members — do not tell any story at home that you do not want repeated in the school cafeteria or on the playground.

I congratulate you, Mr. Speaker, as you begin your first full term as the leader of this historic institution. I look forward to working with you over the next two years and I know that we will put party politics aside for the good of the Commonwealth. You and I may have differences of opinions on issues and process but I am confident that we both will work tirelessly to make this session successful and productive and that you will appreciate the wisdom I offer to you in what my kids call my “outside voice”. Let’s pledge to respect each other’s roles and philosophies and work together to increase the number of minority seats in the house. Together we can.

I offer my sincerest congratulations to my veteran colleagues and a warm welcome to those members joining us for the first time. All have earned the distinct privilege of representing the citizens of this great state in the Massachusetts Legislature. It does take time as a new member to learn how this institution works. The best advice I can give is to be true to yourself and your constituents.

Party politics can sometimes get in the way of the business of the day. So to the new democratic members — if at any time there is a vote you are uncertain about or perhaps unclear how you should vote, I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to help navigate you through this process. Despite what you may have heard at the freshman Orientation — the Speaker welcomes you to vote as you wish, you are a free spirit, this is a happy place and we take time to smell the roses each and every day. Ladies and gentleman, welcome to the Massachusetts Legislature!

On a serious note, every time I walk into this chamber I think how truly fortunate I am to be here — together we are a small group chosen from among so many who wish to serve. Each of us here is a temporary occupant of an enduring institution on a journey of public service.

Let us remember that while today is a day of ceremony and tradition it is about much more. We share a renewed opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of the people of the Commonwealth. Despite different philosophies and divergent views on the means by

which we pursue our goals, one hopes that we share a common objective to improve the lives of the people we collectively represent. The citizens deserve no less than our focused attention and steadfast commitment to lead them through these difficult times, unwavering in the effort we put forth. We need to work every day so that they may start their day with news of progress and change. Failure for us cannot be an option.

History demonstrates issues which barely draw our attention today will command our focus at some point during the next two years. But there can be no doubt that as we assemble here today the economy, taxes, jobs and the state’s finances remain the top priorities. Incredibly, while it seems for the better part of the past three years we have been mired in never ending challenges regarding our state’s budget the reality is the most challenging circumstances and difficult choices lie ahead of us and not behind.

Mr. Speaker, we will continue to debate whether the reforms this legislature passed the last two years were great strides forward, were the least we could get away with doing or somewhere in between. No doubt, however, should remain that the circumstances that necessitated action are every bit as present this session as last.

We continue to face the worst economy in many decades and toughest fiscal crisis in a generation. The dark clouds that have been swirling around state government have not dissipated. We on the Republican side of the aisle remain resolute in our belief that we as a Commonwealth spend too much, not that we tax our citizens and businesses too little. While I am confident our colleagues on the other side of the aisle might dispute that notion, what is clear is that the continued adversities of today create opportunities for the future.

I am a strong believer in a two-party system and the benefit it brings to the people it represents and we intend to make our voices heard. In the coming two years, we stand ready to lend a hand to help move our state forward whenever possible.

When we can reach agreement without sacrificing our principles we do so in the best interests of the citizens of the Commonwealth and the finest traditions of this House. But when the path chosen by the Majority is one we cannot, or do not share, we will make our objections known with vigor and pride doing our best to defeat, derail or deter those proposals that we believe are contrary to those interests.

We remain determined and will do our utmost to shed light on the issues of the day and processes of this House in a way that best serves the traditions of this institution and the citizens of the Commonwealth.

By virtue of the oath we just took, everyone deserves to be a part of the discussion, and all of us, no matter our party or our philosophy, should have a chance at turning our ideas into law.

We stand here in a shared commitment to do what is best for the citizens of Massachusetts, understanding that passionate objections and pointed disagreements on policy are an integral part of the process, and can serve to make the final product stronger.

Mr. Speaker, as with your predecessors I renew to you publicly that which I have ensured privately; that while our differences will be occasionally sharp and whether they are expressed in private or public they would not become personal for the sake of the institution we serve and

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the ability to look back and say with honesty that we put our best foot forward.

The upcoming session may seem daunting to many but it presents a real opportunity to allow bipartisanship and reform efforts to take center stage. Thomas Edison once said, "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." We must not be afraid to do the tough work and make the hard choices. We must be vigilant in our efforts to look for innovative ways to effectively and efficiently deliver services to those in need.

We have a tough two years ahead and we must work each day to prove that we are up to the task entrusted to us by the voters of the Commonwealth. I am optimistic that collectively we can accomplish great things during the next two years. I know that the Republican caucus is ready to get to work, and we look forward to working with the members of the majority to move Massachusetts forward.

Thank you, God Bless you and may God Bless the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Election
of Clerk.

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 Mr. Jones of North Reading.

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

Speaker DeLeo 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.

Assistant
Clerks
appointed.

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

Chaplain
appointed.

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

Prayer.

At the request of the Speaker, a prayer was offered by the Reverend Zenetta Armstrong, of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Mattapan, as follows:

Prayer.

Almighty God, you have brought us together to work in peace and friendship as we care for the world and the people that you have entrusted to us. On this first day of business of the General Court, we place before you all that is before us, and ask that you guide us by your Holy Spirit.

Look with love and compassion on the people of Massachusetts. Unite us in the bonds of love, and work through our struggles and confusion to continually bring about justice, compassion and mercy in accordance with your will. Help us in our commitments to take whatever steps are necessary to promote the common good of the citizens of this good state.

We pray that you will raise up leaders in this generation that would enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice and oppression. We pray that our men, women children, youth and elders from different cultures and with differing talents may discover in themselves and each other our God given potential as human beings and our ability to show mutual respect and care for one another.

Bless and guide the members of this House, the new servants that will be sworn in today and the experienced whom you have raised up; qualified men and women who have a desire to be instruments of change in this State. Give them the strength, humility, care and wisdom that are necessary for the work you have entrusted to them. Broaden their concerns for your people that they will always seek the common good never forgetting the most vulnerable in our society. Bless their plans and their deliberations as they seek to ensure that the citizens they represent live with dignity. Help them discover the best ideas and strategies to meet the most pressing needs that present themselves daily. Send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom, charity and justice to strengthen them, that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve and promote the well being of every citizen.

Help them model the mutual love and respect for one another as they exercise their term of office. For as elected officials we look to them for leadership with hope, that they would lead us into a new day, a new error, and a future we can look forward to. It is our mutual responsibility, the people of this state and elected officials to work together for the common good and a brighter tomorrow. Help us to embrace the joys and sorrows together, the signs of new life and new opportunities that this year brings. As we look forward to a new year, help us to look with expectation and hope, with confidence and humility, in the difficult times and the hard times. May their faith in you, Lord God, and their hope for a better tomorrow, keep them humble in your service.

We ask your blessing and guidance to all who assist them, in their offices and committees as they execute their responsibilities; that they may be wise in their counsel and gracious in their service. May this first session be to all a sign of unity and confidence made possible by the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit working in and through us to accomplish the good work begun in us; a work that will be brought to completion in God's time. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Mr. Hecht of Watertown 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.

Notice of
organization
of the Senate.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Vallee of Franklin,—

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.

Senate notified of organization of the House.

Representatives Vallee, Story of Amherst, Andrews of Orange, Fernandes of Milford, Toomey of Cambridge, Brodeur of Melrose, Cariddi of North Adams, Chan of Quincy, Collins of Boston, Coppinger of Boston, Cusack of Braintree, Finn of West Springfield, Michlewitz of Boston, Peterson of Grafton, Adams of Andover, Bastien of Gardner, Beaton of Shrewsbury, Boldyga of Southwick, D’Emilia of Bridgewater, Diehl of Whitman, Fattman of Sutton, Ferguson of Holden, Harrington of Groton and Howitt of Seekonk were appointed the committee.

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

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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.

Committee to notify Governor and Council of organization of the House.

Representatives-elect Mariano, Bradley of Hingham, Wolf of Cambridge, Garlick of Needham, Henriquez of Boston, Holmes of Boston, Mahoney of Worcester, Mark of Hancock, Markey of Dartmouth, Nyman of Hanover, Parisella of Beverly, Schmid of Westport, Walsh of Framingham, Devers of Lawrence, Hill of Ipswich, Hunt of Sandwich, Kuros of Uxbridge, Lombardo of Billerica, Levy of Marlborough, Lyons of Andover, O’Connell of Taunton, Ross of Attleboro, Vieira of Falmouth, Winslow of Norfolk and Wong of Saugus 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 2009-2010 be observed, so far as applicable, until rules shall be adopted by the present House.

Temporary House Rules.

On motion of Mr. Kaufman of Lexington,—

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 10 of Chapter 5 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.

Journal of the House.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:

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

Convention of the two branches.

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

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:

Ordered, That the joint rules of the last session be observed as the temporary Joint Rules of the two branches for the present General Court.

Temporary Joint Rules.

Benediction.

At the request of the Speaker, a blessing was offered by Rabbi Mark Sokoll of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Boston; and on the motion of Mr. Scaccia of Boston, it was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:—

Benediction.

O, source of all creation and blessing, on this great day for democracy in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts — on this great day of hope for the future — on this great day in the lives of 39 newly sworn in representatives, and my friend, one heck of a speaker — we humbly ask for Your help in giving them and their colleagues in this great House the wisdom to imagine, and the courage to do what needs to be done to make better the lives of all citizens in this Commonwealth.

39 plus 1 equals 40 — in this room many great debates will take place to create the vision and the laws that will make change and bring hope to so many people. Many debates will involve budgets and many, many numbers.

For today 39 plus 1 equals 40 — are the numbers that count. 40 is a number central to the great monotheistic faiths carried in the hearts and histories of so many inside this room and outside in our beloved state.

Exactly 1400 years ago — at age 40 the prophet Mohammed experienced a revelation from the Angel Gabriel. He began to proclaim the oneness of God, and his group of closest followers numbered 40. And Islam was born.

And 2,000 years ago Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days and ultimately was seen on earth for 40 days after his crucifixion speaking to his closest followers about the oneness of God, and Christianity was born.

And more than 3000 years ago Moses went up the mountain at Sinai where he stayed for 40 days, and received the Torah and its teachings and commandments on how we must treat each other, our animals, our world, and it said God is one — and the Jewish people wandered for 40 more years before entering the promised land. And Judaism was born.

All these faiths associate the number 40 with the possibility of great change, with the oneness of God and humankind, and the connectedness of all people.

40 is the number that throughout our collective history has marked a great transition, a rebirth to the promise and the hard work of making sure we take care of this world and of each other in ways that recognize the divine in each and every one of us.

May the 40, the 39 plus 1 who rose today before friends and family, leaders and judges, and before the source of all creation to say I accept this responsibility willingly and passionately — may they, along with their colleagues in this house, deliver us to the promised land.

And we ask You, Creator, Source of all blessings, that under their leadership and with Your help we get there speedily with vision and with compassion and without having to wander in the desert for 40 years.

And let us all say – Amen.

Order.

On motion of Ms. Reinstein of Revere,—

Next
sitting.

Ordered. That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at half past eleven o'clock A.M.

At two minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Parisella of Beverly (Speaker Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.