

Wednesday, January 28, 2009.

*Election of Speaker.*

The Clerk announced that as a consequence of the resignation of Representative Salvatore F. DiMasi, as Speaker of the House and as a Representative in General Court, a vacancy had occurred in the office of Speaker of the House. Election of Speaker.

The House then was called to order at nineteen minutes before two o'clock P.M., by Representative David L. Flynn of Bridgewater (a member of the House from 1965 to 1972, inclusive, and also from 1999 to 2009, inclusive), the oldest senior member present.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God, Our Creator, at the opening of today's historic legislative session, the election of a new Speaker, we pray for Your guidance and thank You for all of our many daily blessings. We also pray for Your gift of wisdom which enables us, as elected leaders, to comprehend legislative issues and proposals correctly. In resolving issues, we depend upon You for the intellectual and moral courage to address thoughtfully the items on our personal as well as our legislative agenda. In Your goodness, inspire us to make fair, right and honorable decisions on all occasions. In these uncertain and perplexing times, may we continue to dialogue with constituents and associates in our search for confidence, truth, justice and peace in our society. Teach us to be good listeners and to work together with good will and a cooperative spirit in our common desire to build at present and in the future a stable, safe, ethical and economically successful society. May our decisions be based on solid traditional principles, human and spiritual values and on the current needs of the people and of the times. Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to our Dean, to all the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Flynn), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

*Silent Prayers.*

At the request of Representatives DeLeo of Winthrop, Hill of Ipswich and L'Italien of Andover, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Captain Richard Cashin of Boxford, a State Trooper for 28 years, headquartered out of "A" Troop in Danvers, who passed away this morning in a tragic accident. State Police  
Captain  
Richard  
Cashin.

At the request of Representatives Dykema of Holliston and Nangle of Lowell, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Army Major Brian Mescall, formerly of Hopkinton, who was killed in action on January 9 in the Zabul Army Major  
Brian  
Mescall.

Army Major  
Brian  
Mescall.

province of Afghanistan from wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near the vehicle in which he was riding.

He is survived by his wife Chi-un, his son Nathan (age 6); and his parents John and Peggy Mescall of Lowell.

Army Spc.  
Matthew M.  
Pollini.

At the request of Mr. Nyman of Hanover, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Army Spc. Matthew M. Pollini of Rockland. Matthew was assigned to the 772nd Military Police Company, Massachusetts Army National Guard, Taunton, MA. He died Jan. 22 at Forward Operating Base Delta, near al-Kut, Iraq, of injuries sustained during a vehicle rollover.

*Statement Concerning Mr. Bosley of North Adams.*

A statement of Mr. Rushing of Boston, concerning Mr. Bosley of North Adams, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement  
concerning  
Mr. Bosley of  
North Adams.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Bosley of North Adams, will not be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled personal family commitment. Any roll calls that he may miss today will be due entirely to the reason stated.

*Statement Concerning Ms. Canavan of Brockton.*

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MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Canavan of Brockton, will not be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to her grandson's emergency hospitalization. Any roll calls that she may miss today will be due entirely to the reason stated.

*America the Beautiful.*

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Beautiful.

The Chair (Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater) then introduced Representative L'Italien of Andover, who sang *America the Beautiful*.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Scaccia of Boston,—

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Speaker.

*Ordered.* That the House proceed to the election of a Speaker and that the election be held in the following manner: The roll 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:

Kevin Aguiar  
Geraldo Alicea  
Willie Mae Allen  
James Arciero  
Brian M. Ashe  
Cory Atkins  
Demetrius J. Atsalis

Bruce J. Ayers  
Ruth B. Balsler  
Carlo Basile  
Jennifer E. Benson  
John J. Binienda  
Bill Bowles  
Garrett J. Bradley

Michael D. Brady  
William N. Brownsberger  
Antonio F. D. Cabral  
Thomas J. Calter  
Linda Dean Campbell  
Stephen R. Canessa  
James M. Cantwell  
Katherine M. Clark  
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera  
Thomas P. Conroy  
Michael A. Costello  
Sean Curran  
Steven J. D'Amico  
Robert A. DeLeo  
Brian S. Dempsey  
Stephen L. DiNatale  
Paul J. Donato  
Christopher J. Donelan  
Joseph R. Driscoll  
James J. Dwyer  
Carolyn C. Dykema  
Lori A. Ehrlich  
James H. Fagan  
Christopher G. Fallon  
Mark V. Falzone  
Robert F. Fennell  
John V. Fernandes  
Ann-Margaret Ferrante  
Barry R. Finegold  
David L. Flynn  
Linda Dorcena Forry  
Gloria L. Fox  
John P. Fresolo  
William C. Galvin  
Sean Garballey  
Colleen M. Garry  
Anne M. Gobi  
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.  
Mary E. Grant  
William G. Greene, Jr.  
Danielle W. Gregoire  
Denis E. Guyer  
Patricia A. Haddad  
Lida E. Harkins  
Jonathan Hecht  
Kate Hogan  
Kevin G. Honan  
Louis L. Kafka  
Michael F. Kane  
Jay R. Kaufman  
John D. Keenan  
Kay Khan  
Peter V. Kocot  
Robert M. Koczera  
Peter J. Koutoujian  
Paul Kujawski  
Stephen Kulik  
William Lantigua

Jason M. Lewis  
David Paul Linsky  
Barbara A. L'Italien  
Timothy R. Madden  
Elizabeth A. Malia  
Ronald Mariano  
Allen J. McCarthy  
Paul McMurtry  
James R. Miceli  
Michael J. Moran  
Charles A. Murphy  
James M. Murphy  
Kevin J. Murphy  
David M. Nangle  
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.  
Robert J. Nyman  
James J. O'Day  
Eugene L. O'Flaherty  
Sarah K. Peake  
Vincent A. Pedone  
Alice Hanlon Peisch  
Thomas M. Petrolati  
William Smitty Pignatelli  
Denise Provost  
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.  
John F. Quinn  
Kathi-Anne Reinstein  
Robert L. Rice, Jr.  
Pam Richardson  
Michael J. Rodrigues  
John H. Rogers  
Dennis A. Rosa  
Michael F. Rush  
Byron Rushing  
Jeffrey Sánchez  
Rosemary Sandlin  
Tom Sannicandro  
Angelo M. Scaccia  
John W. Scibak  
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.  
Stephen Stat Smith  
Frank I. Smizik  
Theodore C. Spiliotis  
Robert P. Spellane  
Christopher N. Speranzo  
Joyce A. Spiliotis  
Harriett L. Stanley  
Thomas M. Stanley  
Ellen Story  
William M. Straus  
David B. Sullivan  
Benjamin Swan  
Walter F. Timitly  
A. Stephen Tobin  
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.  
David M. Torrisi  
Cleon H. Turner  
James E. Vallee

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Joseph F. Wagner  
Brian P. Wallace  
Martin J. Walsh  
Steven M. Walsh

Martha M. Walz  
James T. Welch  
Alice K. Wolf

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

F. Jay Barrows  
Viriato Manuel deMacedo  
Lewis G. Evangelidis  
Paul K. Frost  
Susan Williams Gifford  
Robert S. Hargraves  
Bradford Hill  
Donald F. Humason, Jr.

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.  
Jeffrey Davis Perry  
George N. Peterson, Jr.  
Elizabeth Poirier  
Karyn E. Polito  
Richard J. Ross  
Todd M. Smola  
Daniel K. Webster

[Ms. Callahan of Sutton answered "Present" in response to her name.]

The Chair (Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater) announced the result of the vote as follows:

Whole number of votes .....	153
Necessary for a choice .....	77
Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop had .....	137
Bradley H. Jones, Jr., of North Reading had .....	16

Therefore Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop was declared elected.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Brady of Brockton,—

*Ordered*, That a special committee consisting of fourteen members be appointed to notify Speaker DeLeo of his election as Speaker.

Representatives Cabral of New Bedford, Dempsey of Haverhill, Galvin of Canton, Kafka of Stoughton, Basile of Boston, Clark of Melrose, Ferrante of Gloucester, Smith of Everett, Rushing of Boston, Peake of Provincetown, Nyman of Hanover, Jones of North Reading, Poirier of North Attleborough and Ross of Wrentham were appointed the committee.

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

On motion of Mr. Rogers of Norwood,—

*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 to invite them to the House Chamber to attend the address of the Speaker.

Representatives Vallee of Franklin, Koutoujian of Waltham, Toomey of Cambridge, Mariano of Quincy, Wolf of Cambridge, Welch of West Springfield, Hogan of Stow, Swan of Springfield, Keenan of Salem, Fagan of Taunton, Scibak of South Hadley, Evangelidis of Holden, Hill of Ipswich and Polito of Shrewsbury were appointed the committee.

Speaker Robert A. DeLeo.

Governor and Council notified of election of Speaker.

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

On motion of Mr. Wallace of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the Clerk be directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has been organized by the election of a Speaker.

Senate notified of election of Speaker.

His Excellency the Governor and His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor then entered the Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Shortly thereafter, under escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms, Speaker DeLeo was conducted to the Chair.

*Remarks of Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop.*

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

My friends, thank you. There can be no greater honor than the one you have given me this day.

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

However, first, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I want to wish the Gentleman from the North End, and his wife Debbie, the very best in health and happiness. Sal devoted thirty years of his life to this Chamber, and I truly hope the future holds good fortune for him and his family.

Most importantly, I am extremely happy to have with us today members of my family including my daughter Rachele, my son Rob, my sister Carol and my partner Vicki. These are the folks that come to mind when I think about how I got to this moment — they have been the ones who are there to listen to me, every night and every day, and who have always given me the support and encouragement without which I would not be here today.

The other people without whom I would not be here are the people of the 19th Suffolk District. I am so intensely grateful for the opportunity they have given me for the last 19 years to serve them in the House of Representatives. You are who I am here to represent, and I will never forget that.

Today we are joined by Winthrop Town Council President Tom Reilly and Revere Mayor Tom Ambrosino from my home district; the Constitutional Officers including Auditor Joe DeNucci, Treasurer and Receiver General Tim Cahill and Secretary of the Commonwealth Bill Galvin.

We are also joined by members of the Judiciary and members of the Governor's Council. I welcome you all to the Chamber and sincerely thank you for joining us today.

I also want to make special mention of the Gentleman from Norwood. Our competition was hard fought, but now I reach out to

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the Speaker.

you and your supporters to work together — yes, in harmony as we heard yesterday — but also because our times require everyone working to help the people of our great state. We have just had a spirited contest in the House. It has been a tough fight, but now is the time for us to put aside these difficulties to come together. The seriousness of the issues before us demands that we work together. And we will.

In that spirit of harmony I also want to acknowledge and thank for his friendship the Minority Leader. Mr. Leader: You and I have disagreed from time to time, and we will no doubt continue to do so in the future. But we have never forgotten that we serve a greater purpose than simply angling for partisan victories, and I know we will work together to seek the best solutions on the matters before the House — the times in which we live demand it and I pledge to do my part.

I also see Senate Ways and Means Chairman Steve Panagiotakos. Mr. Chairman, thank you for being such a good friend and colleague during the time we have both served on our respective Ways and Means committees.

Governor Patrick, Lt. Governor Murray: Welcome and thank you for joining us today. I look forward to working with you and your administration on the difficult challenges our Commonwealth faces in the months ahead.

And finally, Senate President Murray. You and I have sat across the table from one another countless times to discuss the budget and many other issues of great importance to the citizens of the Commonwealth. I want to thank you personally for all your support over the years and I know that, while we will always represent the perspectives of our chambers faithfully, we will be able to discuss and collaborate when it comes to working on the important business of the people. The citizens of the Commonwealth want meaningful and effective action from their Legislature, and the House and Senate will absolutely meet that expectation.

My fellow Representatives, I stand before you today not only as your Speaker but also as your servant. For just as we all are accountable to the citizens who elect us to serve in the House of Representatives, so, too, am I accountable to you, my colleagues, who have given me this precious opportunity to serve as your Speaker.

As a House, as a Legislature, and as a government, I know we will accomplish great things in the service of the people of Massachusetts. Our agenda is full, and we commit ourselves to intense labor and thorough debate on that agenda.

We will pass meaningful reforms to our ethics, lobbying and pension laws. The people must be comfortable that we are providing the highest standard of service when it comes to public employees, be they elected or appointed.

Within our own House, we will make cultural and procedural changes that will professionalize the way we do business. We are a democratic, deliberative and open body, and both our rules and our customs should reflect that. I will soon be announcing some of these changes.

On the challenges with our budget: It doesn't help us to know that every state in the country has budget challenges; Massachusetts has always faced up to its challenges and we will do so again. We have a Governor and a Senate President who are serious about finding the right solutions. With humility and eagerness, I am ready to join with them.

Even as revenues continue to fall and costs continue to rise, we will pass a balanced budget that is based on this most basic premise: We are here to help people and ease the burdens they carry. We will not be able to fund every laudable idea, but we will continue to push forward on economic development and support for emerging industries because we know that better days will soon be here and the pall cast over our global economy will someday lift. And the best way to make sure that Massachusetts is one of the first economies to see the light of recovery is to support those industries that will carry us through the coming decades.

We also know that without strong neighborhoods our Commonwealth cannot thrive. Growing up first in East Boston, and later in Winthrop, I learned how important our neighborhoods are to the fabric of Massachusetts. We are a Commonwealth of communities, and those communities are struggling. I know how difficult it is for cities and towns to make ends meet. Because state coffers cannot be the sole source of support for municipalities, we will give them the tools they need to balance their budgets. These tools will be innovative, varied and will in some cases call for casting away old ideas and embracing consolidation, regionalization and collaboration as much as possible.

Growing up in Winthrop, I learned also that at the heart of our work here is people. I am lucky to have had the chance to meet people from across the Commonwealth during my time at the Ways and Means Committee. I have visited places like Adams, Eastham, Concord, Fitchburg, and New Bedford. To residents of these communities and to all people in Massachusetts I make a pledge: as I serve in my new role as Speaker, I will remember that what we do here directly affects them.

Challenging fiscal times often bring to light the need for systemic reform that ultimately will lead to better, more efficient government. To that end, we will pass in short order comprehensive transportation reform legislation that is a fair deal for all regions of the Commonwealth. That is a monumental task, and we are saddled with the burden of fixing a system which has been ignored and tangled so tightly for so long, it will take the combined efforts of the Legislature and Administration to unravel it and replace it with a coordinated, comprehensive system.

And, because we cannot afford to slide backward, we will continue to push forward on education reform, environmental protection, promotion of clean and renewable energy and working to sustain and improve our historic health care reform law.

All these issues are the matters of the day that are up to us to address. But we cannot hope to do so unless we all take stock of our own selves and consider who we are and what characteristics we should cultivate in our public lives.

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the Speaker.

In fact, we need not blaze new ground to learn what is required of us as keepers of the public trust. The principals were given to us many years ago.

On this very rostrum are written the words of the 35th President of the United States. These words make reference to the words of Massachusetts' first Governor; the man who gave his name to my home town. Etched on the tablet beneath me are the qualities that should be innate to every public servant in the Commonwealth — courage — judgment — integrity — dedication.

It will take courage for us to do what is necessary to wend our way through these troubled fiscal times.

It will take the application of wise judgment to choose the right path even when it may not be the most expedient.

It will take integrity; the true, personal integrity of every elected leader to restore and maintain the people's faith in their government.

And it will take dedication. Dedication not only to long hours, diligent study and genuine collaboration, but also it will take dedication to the honorable convictions that made us seek elective office in the first place.

I ask you, my fellow Representatives, to join with me as we renew our adherence to these principals. I ask you to join with me as we work together with the Senate, the Governor and his administration, and most importantly with the people of Massachusetts, to do what needs now to be done. We have much to do and time is short. So let us all leave this chamber today with a single purpose and mission — to fulfill our sacred oaths by serving with courage, judgment, integrity and dedication — the people who have placed in us their hope, their faith, and their trust.

Thank you all. God bless you and God bless the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*Distinguished Guests.*

Distinguished  
guests of the  
House.

The Speaker then introduced former Speakers Thomas M. Finneran, Charles F. Flaherty and Robert H. Quinn; Governor of the Commonwealth Deval L. Patrick; Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth Timothy P. Murray; Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin; Treasurer and Receiver-General Timothy P. Cahill; State Auditor A. Joseph DeNucci; Senate President Therese Murray; and several other distinguished guests and citizens of the Commonwealth.

The Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and several Constitutional Officers then left the Chamber, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

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