The Senate was called to order at 10:00 o'clock A.M. by Hon. John A. Alario Jr., President of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll being called, the following members-elect answered to their names:

PRESENT

Alario Erdey Morrell
Allain Fannin Morrish
Appel Gatti Peacock
Barrow Hewitt Perry
Bishop Johns Peterson
Boudreaux LaFleur Riser
Brown Lambert Smith, G.
Carter Long Smith, J.
Chabert Luneau Tarver
Claitor Martiny Thompson
Colomb Milkovich Walsworth
Cortez Mills Ward
Donahue Mizell White

Total - 39

ABSENT

Total - 0

The President of the Senate announced there were 39 members-elect present and a quorum.

Invocation

The prayer was offered by Reverend M. Jeffery Bayhi, following which the Senate was led by Jan Marie Alario in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Messages from the Secretary of the State

The following messages from the Secretary of State were received and read as follows:

SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
SECRETARY OF STATE

December 28, 2015

To the President of the Senate
State of Louisiana

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with R.S. 18:573, the name of the persons who have received the greatest number of votes cast for State Senate in the Legislature of Louisiana from their respective Senatorial Districts, and who have been duly proclaimed elected.

Sincerely,

TOM SCHEDLER
Secretary of State

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF LOUISIANA
SECRETARY OF STATE

As Secretary of State, of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby Certify that the following candidates were declared elected by the people to the office set above their names:

1st Senatorial District Sharon Hewitt
2nd Senatorial District Troy Brown
3rd Senatorial District "J.P." Morrell
4th Senatorial District Wesley Bishop
5th Senatorial District Karen Carter Peterson
6th Senatorial District Mack "Bodi" White
7th Senatorial District Troy Carter
8th Senatorial District John A. Alario Jr.
9th Senatorial District Conrad Appel
10th Senatorial District Daniel R. "Danny" Martiny
11th Senatorial District "Jack" Donahue
12th Senatorial District "Beth" Mizell
13th Senatorial District Dale Erdey
14th Senatorial District Yvonne Dorsey
15th Senatorial District Regina Barrow
16th Senatorial District "Dan" Claitor
17th Senatorial District "Rick" Ward III
18th Senatorial District Eddie Lambert
19th Senatorial District Gary L. Smith Jr.
20th Senatorial District Norbert "Bret" Allain II
21st Senatorial District R.L. "Bret" Allain II
22nd Senatorial District Fred T-Fred" Mills Jr.
23rd Senatorial District Patrick Page Cortez
24th Senatorial District Gerald Boudreaux
25th Senatorial District Dan W. "Blade" Morrish
26th Senatorial District Jonathan Perry
27th Senatorial District Ronnie Johns
28th Senatorial District Eric LaFleur
29th Senatorial District Jay Luneau
30th Senatorial District John Smith
31st Senatorial District Gerald Long
32nd Senatorial District Neil Riser
33rd Senatorial District Michael A. "Mike" Walsworth
34th Senatorial District Francis Thompson
35th Senatorial District James R. "Jim" Fannin
36th Senatorial District Ryan Gatti
37th Senatorial District Barrow Peacock
38th Senatorial District John Milkovich
39th Senatorial District Gregory Tarver

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my Office to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on December 28, 2015.

TOM SCHEDLER
Secretary of State
Senator Tarver moved that the qualifications of the above named Senators-elect be accepted and the Senators should be administered the Oath of Office.

Without objection.

**Administering the Oath of Office**

The oath prescribed by Article X, Section 30, of the Constitution was Administered by Chief Justice Bernette Johnson, to the following hereinafter named Senators-elect:

- Alario
- Erdey
- Morrell
- Allain
- Fannin
- Morrish
- Appel
- Gatti
- Peacock
- Barrow
- Hewitt
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**Organization**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The President of the Senate declared the election of a President of the Senate was now in order:

**Senator Alario in the Chair**

**Election of President of the Senate**

The Senate nominated Senator Alario by a vote of 39-0 and the nominations were closed.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following results:

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The motion carried, and Senator Alario was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by former Senator Edwin R. Murray.
The motion carried, and Mr. Koepp was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by Senator Rick Ward.

**Election of Sergeant at Arms of the Senate**

The President of the Senate declared the election of a Sergeant at Arms of the Senate was now in order.

Senator John Smith placed in nomination the name of John Keller.

Senator Walsworth seconded the nomination.

Senator Peterson moved the nomination be closed and John Keller be elected Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following results:

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**NAYS**

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**ABSENT**

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Mr. Keller was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by Senator Dan Claitor.

**Benediction**

The benediction was offered by Reverend Rodney Wood.