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SENATE
OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

**Ninth Organizational Meeting of the Senate
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, January 11, 2016

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**

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:

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

January 11, 2016

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	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

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:

YEAS

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.
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Claitor	Martiny	Thompson
Colomb	Milkovich	Walsworth
Cortez	Mills	Ward
Donahue	Mizell	White

Total - 39

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Senator Alario was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by former Senator Edwin R. Murray.

Election of President Pro Tempore of the Senate

The President of the Senate declared the election of a President Pro Tempore of the Senate was now in order.

The Senate nominated Senator Long by a vote of 38-1 and the nominations were closed.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following results:

YEAS

Mr. President	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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Senator Long was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by Jimmy D. Long Jr.

Election of Secretary of the Senate

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

Senator Morrish placed in nomination the name of Glenn A. Koeppe.

Senator Tarver seconded the nomination.

Senator Allain moved the nomination be closed and Glenn Koeppe be elected Secretary of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following results:

YEAS

Mr. President	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		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Mr. Koeppe 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:

YEAS

Mr. President	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		

NAYS

Total - 0

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.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Thompson the Senate adjourned its organizational meeting.

GLENN A. KOEPP
Secretary of the Senate

DIANE O' QUIN
Journal Clerk

