

**THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL
OF THE
SENATE
OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

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

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, January 13, 2020

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

Abraham	Foil	Mizell
Allain	Harris	Morris
Barrow	Henry	Peacock
Bernard	Hensgens	Peterson
Boudreaux	Hewitt	Pope
Bouie	Jackson	Price
Carter	Johns	Reese
Cathey	Lambert	Smith
Cloud	Luneau	Talbot
Connick	McMath	Tarver
Cortez	Milligan	Ward
Fesi	Mills, F.	White
Fields	Mills, R.	Womack

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 Father Neil C. Pettit, following which the Senate was led by First Lieutenant Gene M. Siner 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:

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
SECRETARY OF STATE**

January 3, 2020

To the President of the Senate
State of Louisiana

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with La. R.S. 18:573, the names 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,
R. KYLE ARDOIN
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 W. Hewitt
2 nd Senatorial District	Edward J. "Ed" Price
3 rd Senatorial District	Joseph "Joe" Bouie
4 th Senatorial District	"Jimmy" Harris
5 th Senatorial District	Karen Carter Peterson
6 th Senatorial District	Mack "Bodi" White
7 th Senatorial District	Troy A. Carter
8 th Senatorial District	Patrick Connick
9 th Senatorial District	J. Cameron Henry Jr.
10 th Senatorial District	"Kirk" Talbot
11 th Senatorial District	Patrick McMath
12 th Senatorial District	"Beth" Mizell
13 th Senatorial District	J. Rogers Pope
14 th Senatorial District	Cleo Fields
15 th Senatorial District	Regina A. Barrow
16 th Senatorial District	Franklin Foil
17 th Senatorial District	Richard "Rick" Ward
18 th Senatorial District	Eddie J. Lambert
19 th Senatorial District	Gary L. Smith Jr.
20 th Senatorial District	Michael "Big Mike" Fesi
21 st Senatorial District	R.L. "Bret" Allain II
22 nd Senatorial District	Fred "T-Fred" Mills
23 rd Senatorial District	Page Cortez
24 th Senatorial District	Gerald Boudreaux
25 th Senatorial District	Mark Abraham
26 th Senatorial District	"Bob" Hensgens
27 th Senatorial District	"Ronnie" Johns
28 th Senatorial District	Heather Cloud
29 th Senatorial District	Jay Luneau
30 th Senatorial District	"Mike" Reese
31 st Senatorial District	"Louie" Bernard
32 nd Senatorial District	Glen D. Womack
33 rd Senatorial District	Stewart Cathey Jr.
34 th Senatorial District	Katrina R. Jackson
35 th Senatorial District	"Jay" Morris
36 th Senatorial District	Robert Mills
37 th Senatorial District	Barrow Peacock
38 th Senatorial District	Barry Milligan
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 January 3, 2020.

R. KYLE ARDOIN
Secretary of State

January 13, 2020

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:

Table listing names of Senators-elect: Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bernard, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Cortez, Fesi, Fields, Foil, Harris, Henry, Hensgens, Hewitt, Jackson, Johns, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Milligan, Mills, F., Mills, R., Mizell, Morris, Peacock, Peterson, Pope, Price, Reese, Smith, Talbot, Tarver, Ward, White, Womack.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Ward moved that Rule3.1.1 of the Senate relative to the nomination of the President and President Pro Tempore by ballot be suspended

Senator Peacock objected.

YEAS

Table listing names of Senators voting YEAS: Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bernard, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Cortez, Fesi, Fields, Foil, Harris, Henry, Hensgens, Hewitt, Jackson, Johns, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Milligan, Mills, F., Mills, R., Mizell, Morris, Peterson, Pope, Price, Reese, Smith, Talbot, Tarver, Ward, White, Womack.

Total - 38

NAYS

Peacock
Total - 1

ABSENT

Total - 0

The Chair declared the rules were suspended.

Senator Johns placed in nomination the name of Senator Patrick Page Cortez.

Senator Mills seconded the nomination.

Senator Boudreaux moved the nominations be closed and Senator Cortez be elected President of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following results:

YEAS

Table listing names of Senators voting YEAS: Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bernard, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Cortez, Fesi, Fields, Foil, Harris, Henry, Hensgens, Hewitt, Jackson, Johns, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Milligan, Mills, F., Mills, R., Mizell, Morris, Peacock, Peterson, Pope, Price, Reese, Smith, Talbot, Tarver, Ward, White, Womack.

Total - 39

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Senator Cortez was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by Judge Jonathan "JP" Perry.

Senate President Cortez in the Chair

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.

Senator Allain placed in nomination the name of Senator Beth Mizell.

Senator White seconded the nomination.

Senator Peacock moved the nominations be closed and Senator Mizell be elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following results:

YEAS

Table listing names of Senators voting YEAS: Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bernard, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Foil, Harris, Henry, Hensgens, Hewitt, Jackson, Johns, Lambert, Mizell, Morris, Peacock, Peterson, Pope, Price, Reese, Smith.

Cloud	Luneau	Talbot
Connick	McMath	Tarver
Cortez	Milligan	Ward
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Fields	Mills, R.	Womack

Total - 39

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Senator Mizell was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by Justice William C. Crain.

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 Peterson placed in nomination the name of Yolanda Dixon.

Senator Foil seconded the nomination.

Senator Allain moved the nominations be closed and Yolanda Dixon be elected Secretary of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following results:

YEAS

Abraham	Foil	Mizell
Allain	Harris	Morris
Barrow	Henry	Peacock
Bernard	Hensgens	Peterson
Boudreaux	Hewitt	Pope
Bouie	Jackson	Price
Carter	Johns	Reese
Cathey	Lambert	Smith
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Connick	McMath	Tarver
Cortez	Milligan	Ward
Fesi	Mills, F.	White
Fields	Mills, R.	Womack

Total - 39

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and Yolanda Dixon was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by Glenn Koepf.

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 Luneau placed in nomination the name of John Keller.

Senator Smith seconded the nomination.

Senator Ward moved the nominations be closed and John Keller be elected Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following results:

YEAS

Abraham	Foil	Mizell
Allain	Harris	Morris
Barrow	Henry	Peacock
Bernard	Hensgens	Peterson
Boudreaux	Hewitt	Pope
Bouie	Jackson	Price
Carter	Johns	Reese
Cathey	Lambert	Smith
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Cortez	Milligan	Ward
Fesi	Mills, F.	White
Fields	Mills, R.	Womack

Total - 39

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Total - 0

The motion carried, and John Keller was elected.

The Oath of Office was administered by Yolanda Dixon.

Benediction

The benediction was offered by Reverend David Baudoin.

Adjournment

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

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

DIANE O' QUIN
Journal Clerk

