



STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

One-Hundredth Regular Session

2:00 P.M.

MONDAY, January 3, 2011

The Senate met.

The Senate was called to order by 2009–2010 Senate President Risser.

The Senate Stood for the prayer which was offered by Pastor Doug Lebsack of Chippewa Falls.

“Our Heavenly Father and Our God,

We thank you for the privilege of coming before you on this historic occasion. The Inauguration Day Ceremony of the 100th Opening Session of our Wisconsin State Senate. We give you praise and glory for the many blessings you have bestowed upon our state, as well as our nation, and we seek your continued blessings for this new year of 2011. Without your hand to guide us, we are blind and we are lost; and so we acknowledge our complete dependence upon you for every good and perfect gift that we so desperately need.

God, you are the One who ordains all human authority to govern and guide us on this earth, there is no governing authority established outside of your divine authority. These senators who are honorably congregated here today gather at your pleasure. So for every member of our State Senate, for every woman and man who has taken up the call to serve the people of Wisconsin, we thank you, and we pray that you would grant them the wisdom to govern us with integrity, compassion, and courage. We need senators who have eyes to see with clarity your answers to the issues and challenges that face our people on a daily basis. We need senators who have ears to hear the promptings of your divine leading in the days that are ahead. And yes, we need Senators who will stand as advocates for the poor and the needy, and the downcast, and as encouragers for our business people, our educators, and our civic leaders.

To serve the entire constituency of our state well, we ask that you would grant our senators the gift of humility. May they see the power that has been placed within their grasp, yet may they wield that power unselfishly for the benefit of the people they serve. Truth knows no political boundaries and compassion finds no philosophical borders, so we pray our leaders will have the foresight and strength to reach out in a spirit of unity to accomplish your will. We are hungry for leaders who are filled with moral resolve. We are thirsty for public servants who overflow with great character. In the midst of mounting pressure, we pray that our senate would radiate the light of knowledge and understanding that flows from your eternal throne. And so we present each member of our senate to you, asking for your Lordship and your favor to reign over their lives, their families, their staffs, and the decisions that they will make on our behalf. Father, may your Kingdom come, you will be done.

In your holy name we pray, Amen.”

The Colors were presented by the VFW Day Post 7591 Color Guard Unit, the Black Knights of Madison, WI.

The National Anthem was performed by students from the string ensemble of the Beaver Dam High School Orchestra and Beaver Dam Community Orchestra.

The Senate remained standing and Senator Hansen led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

State of Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

December 1, 2010

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the official canvass of the November 2, 2010 General Election vote for state senator along with the determination by the designee of the Chairperson of the Government Accountability Board of the winners.

With this letter, I am delivering the Certificates of Election and transmittal letters for the winners to you for distribution.

If the Government Accountability Board can provide you with further information or assistance, please contact our office.

Sincerely,
KEVIN J. KENNEDY
Director and General Counsel

Statement of Canvass for State Senator

GENERAL ELECTION, November 2, 2010

I, David Deininger, designee of the Chairperson of the Government Accountability Board, certify that the attached tabular statements, as compiled from the certified returns made to the Government Accountability Board by the county clerks of the several counties of the state, contain a correct abstract of the total number of votes given for the election of candidates for State Senator, at a General Election held in the several towns, wards, villages and election districts in said counties on the Second day of November, 2010.

I DO, THEREFORE, DETERMINE AND CERTIFY that the following candidates, having each received the greatest number of votes in their respective senatorial districts, are duly elected State Senator:

Senate District

1st District
 3rd District
 5th District
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 9th District
 11th District
 13th District
 15th District
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 19th District
 21st District
 23rd District
 25th District
 27th District
 29th District
 31st District
 33rd District

Elected

Frank Lasee
 Tim Carpenter
 Leah Vukmir
 Chris Larson
 Joe Leibham
 Neal Kedzie
 Scott Fitzgerald
 Tim Cullen
 Dale W. Schultz
 Michael G. Ellis
 Van H. Wanggaard
 Terry Moulton
 Bob Jauch
 Jon Erpenbach
 Pam Galloway
 Kathleen Vinehout
 Rich Zipperer

healthcare and education policy and will continue to work on these issues in the Senate.

Leah is a lifelong resident of the district. Her children Elena and Nicholas, as well as her mom Stella Papachristou, are here today for her inauguration.”

Senator Miller Introduced Senator Larson

“The newly elected Senator from the Seventh District represents areas on the eastern edge of Milwaukee County.

The 7th District embodies Wisconsin’s greatest values and traditions, including: higher education with UW–Milwaukee, Milwaukee Area Technical College, and Milwaukee School of Engineering; economic development with our nation’s fastest growing airport; artistic expression with the Milwaukee Art Museum; natural resources with the county park system near Lake Michigan; and cultural diversity with ethnic festivals at the Summerfest Grounds.

Previously, Senator Larson served as a County Supervisor with the Milwaukee County Board. During this time, his major areas of interest included preserving county parks, improving public transportation, and increasing economic development around the airport. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee with a degree in Finance. Senator Larson has experience as a business manager for a local running store and is a dedicated marathon runner.

He has run 18 marathons and his goal is to run a marathon in each state across America. He has lived in Milwaukee County all of his life and resides with his wife in the Bay View neighborhood.

Joining Senator Larson today are his wife, Jessica Brumm–Larson, his parents Lawrence and Margaret Larson, his brother, David Larson, his sister Betsy Marusic, his sister Rebecca Larson and her fiancée Beth Brown, his aunt Gail Sahagun, his in–laws Loren and Joan Brumm, his sister in–law Melissa Brumm, his sister in–law Erica Brumm, and her husband Spencer Smith.”

Senator Fitzgerald Introduced Senator Leibham

“Senator Joe Leibham returns for a third term in the State Senate – representing the residents of the 9th District, which covers parts of Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Fond du Lac and Calumet Counties.

Prior to his election to the Senate, Senator Leibham served for two terms in the State Assembly and worked for the Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce and Sargento Foods.

During the 2011–2012 legislative session, Senator Leibham will serve as the President Pro–Tempore of the Senate and as a member of the Joint Committee on Finance.

Senator Leibham is joined today by his wife Heather, as well as many other family members and over 100 friends and constituents from the 9th District. He’d also like to recognize his three children, Andrew (3 years), William (2 years), and Lucy – who is just six weeks old.

Congratulations and welcome back, Senator Leibham.”

Senator Fitzgerald Introduced Senator Kedzie

“State Senator Neal Kedzie was first elected to the Wisconsin State Senate in November 2002. The 11th Senate District includes portions of Walworth, Waukesha, Jefferson and Kenosha Counties in Southeastern Wisconsin. Prior to

Done in the City of Madison, this 1st day of December, 2010.

DAVID DEININGER

Designee of the Chairperson
 Government Accountability Board

With unanimous consent, the party leaders introduced their respective members as they came before the bar to be sworn in.

Senator Fitzgerald Introduced Senator Lasee

“State Senator Frank Lasee was elected on November 2nd to work for the people of the State and the 1st Senate District. Frank previously served the people of the 2nd Assembly District from 1994 to 2008. He also served as Chairman of the Town of Ledgeview from 1993 to 1997.

Senator Lasee will serve as the Chair of the Insurance and Housing Committee in the 2011–2012 session.

While in the Assembly, Senator Lasee earned a reputation as a Taxpayer Watch Dog and an outspoken fiscal conservative.

Senator Lasee resides in Ledgeview. He is joined today by his wife Amy Joy, four of their six children: Carina, Sophia, Daphne and Annika, Mother June Lasee, Father and Mother in–law Randy and Toni Savaglio, Grandmother Charlette Mullen, as well as other family and friends.”

Senator Miller Introduced Senator Carpenter

“The Senator from the 3rd is honored that his constituents have elected him to his third term in the State Senate after serving them for 9 terms in the Assembly.

The 3rd Senate District includes the South Side of Milwaukee and a portion of Greenfield. For his entire life he has lived in Milwaukee, a city that his family has called home for over 60 years.”

Senator Fitzgerald Introduced Senator Vukmir

“Leah Vukmir has served in the Wisconsin Assembly since her election in 2002. Today she begins her first term in the State Senate representing the people of the 5th Senate District which includes of Elm Grove, West Allis, West Milwaukee, most of Wauwatosa and portions of Brookfield and Milwaukee.

Leah is a Registered Nurse and Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. In the Assembly, she has been a leader in

being elected to the Senate, he served three terms in the Wisconsin State Assembly, representing the 43rd Assembly District.

Senator Kedzie has served as the Assistant Senate Majority Leader and will serve as Chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee in the 2011–2012 session.

He is most noted for his work on many significant environmental initiatives over the last decade.

Senator Kedzie has resided in rural Walworth County for more than 36 years, with his wife Kerrie and his three children – Erika, Ryan and Sean – and Kerrie is here today for his inauguration.”

Senator Miller Introduced Senator Cullen

“Senator Tim Cullen is proud to represent the people of the 15th Senate District, which includes the cities of Janesville, Beloit and Whitewater. The district encompasses Milton and Edgerton on the north, Orfordville and Footville on the west, and Clinton on the east.

Senator Cullen has spent half of his career in the public sector and half in the private sector. He began his public service at the age of 26 on the Janesville City Council. He worked on the staff of U.S. Representative Les Aspin before winning a seat in the State Senate. He served in the Senate from 1975 until 1987, including five years as majority leader. He served as secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services and then worked as an executive for Blue Cross/Blue Shield for 20 years.

After retiring from there, he once again entered public service as a member of the Janesville School Board.

Senator Cullen has served his community and state on numerous boards and commissions. He and his wife Barbara established a foundation that sends high school juniors to work as interns in the State Capitol each summer.

He returns to the Senate after the longest gap of service of any Senator in state history: 24 years.

Senator Cullen is joined today by his wife Barb, their daughter Katharine, his stepdaughters Loren and Erin, his mother-in-law Kay Mork, his brother Tom, his three grandchildren, three nephews, and several friends.”

Senator Fitzgerald Introduced Senator Schultz

“Dale Schultz represents the spirit of his constituents in Southwest and South Central Wisconsin. Dale has worked his way up. First serving in the Assembly and now beginning his fifth full term in the State Senate, Dale will serve as Chair of the Senate Committee on Banking and Rural Affairs.

Dale and his wife Rachel own and manage their Century Farm in Sauk County doing both crop farming as well as running a game farm. Rachel also serves as the District Administrator for the Richland School District. As Dale likes to say, he married up.

The Schultz’s have two daughters: Katie who works for the Retirement Board in Washington D.C., and Amanda who is a Junior at UW–Madison.”

Senator Fitzgerald Introduced Senator Ellis

“Michael G. Ellis was first elected to the State Senate in 1982. In 1985 after just one term in the Senate, he was elected

to be Assistant Minority Leader. He has since served as Minority Leader and Majority Leader.

In 2000, he stepped down from his leadership position in order to regain some personal independence and to provide others an opportunity to serve in leadership. Senator Ellis is proud to have been elected by his colleagues to serve as Senate President for the 100th Session of the Wisconsin Legislature.

Mike has been married to his wife, Sandy, for 39 years. Mike and Sandy live along the west shore of Lake Winnebago, where Sandy operates a successful house farm raising and breeding quarterhorses, with customers around the world.”

Senator Fitzgerald Introduced Senator Wanggaard

“State Senator Van Wanggaard was elected to represent the 21st State Senate District. His district includes most of Racine County with the exception of Burlington and Waterford.

Senate Wanggaard and his wife Mary Jo, have been married 37 years and reside in West Racine in the home built by Mary Jo’s Grandfather. They have two children, Kathleen and Joshua.

Senator Wanggaard has been a servant to his community for over 40 years, including nearly 30 years in law enforcement.

Senator Wanggaard was elected to the Racine County Board of Supervisors representing the 7th District in 2002, and has been re-elected five times. Senator Wanggaard was appointed to his second five year term as a Racine Police and Fire Commissioner in 2008 and will continue serving in that capacity.”

Senator Fitzgerald Introduced Senator Moulton

“State Senator Terry Moulton served in the Assembly from 2004 to 2008 and begins his first term in the Senate today. He represents the 23rd Senate District, made up of all or part of Dunn, Chippewa, Eau Claire, Clark, Wood, Marathon, Barron and Taylor Counties.

As a small business owner and avid hunter and fisherman, Senator Moulton put his knowledge from those areas to work while in the Assembly, serving as Chair of the Small Business Committee and Vice–Chair of the Natural Resources Committee. He will continue to provide leadership in those areas in the Senate.

Senator Moulton has called the Chippewa Valley his home for over 60 years. He has been married to his wife Sue Kay for 44 years, they have two grown children, Will and Sara, and eight grandchildren.”

Senator Miller Introduced Senator Jauch

“Senator Jauch represents the 25th Senate District, which includes all or parts of the far northern counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, Sawyer, Barron, Iron, Washburn, Polk, and Burnett. The 25th is the largest Senate District in the state covering over 7500 square miles, larger than the states of Rhode Island and Delaware combined. Bob is proud to say that he represents the entire Wisconsin border of beautiful Lake Superior.

Bob began his career of public service working as the Northern Wisconsin Field Rep for Congressman Dave Obey in 1973. He was elected to the State Assembly in 1982, the Senate in 1986 and today marks the beginning of his 7th term in the Senate. He is the third most senior member of the Senate behind Senator Risser and Senator Ellis.

Throughout his career, Bob has been a true champion for the northern district he loves and he has built an impressive

legislative record on issues ranging from the Great Lakes water compact, reforming child welfare, attacking fraud and abuse and restoring the integrity of our State child care program. One of the most articulate members of the Senate, Bob has passionately advocated for equality, economic justice and fairness for every citizen.

Bob travels 320 miles to reach the Capitol. Because he crisscrosses so many communities around the state, he maintains a unique perspective in considering the needs of all citizens. Bob is known for his ability to solve problems and throughout his entire career he has worked across party lines to improve the quality of life for all Wisconsin citizens.

Bob maintains a commitment and reverence for this institution as he strives to make sure the democratic process works for every citizen.

Bob lives in Poplar, Wisconsin with his wife Cecelia, who is a retired elementary school teacher. Cecilia is here today, along with their two children, Jessica and Christopher. They are also joined by Bob's 87 year old mother who is on hand for her 9th inauguration today, along with other family and friends."

Senator Miller Introduced Senator Erpenbach

"Senator Erpenbach was first elected in 1998 and has served the people of the 27th Senate District since that day.

Jon was born and raised in the 27th and is proud to have lived there most of his life. He is the active parent of two Middleton High School students; Joe and Amy.

Senator Erpenbach is best known for his work for on consumer protection issues like the creation of the Wisconsin Do-Not-Call list and Malinda's Law to regulate traveling sales crews, as well as his leadership on creative solutions for consumers on health care, like Healthy Wisconsin.

Senator Erpenbach has served on many committees since his tenure in the Legislature and also served as Senate Minority Leader for 2003 and 2004.

Perhaps best known for the bills he has done at the request of his constituents, Erpenbach is proud to have been re-elected to serve again. He is joined today by his parents, Liz and Bill Erpenbach, both retired public servants, his children Joe and Amy Erpenbach and Will and Eli Erpenbach."

Senator Fitzgerald Introduced Senator Galloway

"Pam Galloway was elected to represent the 29th Senate District, a geographically large district in North Central Wisconsin including Marathon, Taylor, Price and Rusk Counties.

A breast cancer surgeon from Wausau, Dr. Galloway had never before held political office, and come to Madison excited to work on issues ranging from quality healthcare to improving our state's economy.

Here with Pam today is Chris, her husband of 32 years, and many of her close friends and family."

Senator Miller Introduced Senator Vinehout

"Kathleen represents a sprawling rural district in Western Wisconsin – from dairy farms nestled among the majestic bluffs of the Mississippi River to the cranberry bogs and Christmas trees in the Central Sands Region; from the bustle of

Water Street and the UW Eau Claire to the best prices for gasoline on the interstate at Love's in Oakdale.

A passion for establishing affordable health care for all brought this former dairy farmer to the Senate four years ago. Making sure government does well what it was created to do keeps her here. We're proud to have her represent Western Wisconsin on the Joint Committee on Audit."

Senator Fitzgerald Introduced Senator Zipperer

"State Senator Rich Zipperer was elected to the Wisconsin State Senate on November 2nd to represent the 33rd Senate District, which runs from the city of Waukesha to the City of Hartford. He previously served in the State Assembly, representing the 98th State Assembly district since 2007. He is also an attorney, working in private practices in Southeast Wisconsin.

Senator Zipperer will serve as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce and Government Operations in the upcoming legislative session.

While in the Assembly he served as the ranking Republican on the Assembly Committee on Jobs, the Economy and Small Business, Chairman of the Taxpayer Protection Caucus, and Co-chair of the Wisconsin Jobs NOW Task Force.

Senator Zipperer resides in Pewaukee with his family. His wife, Rita, and three children Vince, Sylvia and Elizabeth, are with him today; as well as his father, mother, one of his three sisters, and other family and friends."

Senator Grothman Introduced Senator Fitzgerald

"Senator Scott Fitzgerald was recently elected to his fifth term representing the 13th Senate District, which includes Dodge, Jefferson, Columbia, Waukesha and Dane Counties. Senator Fitzgerald was first elected in 1994, and was recently chosen by his Republican colleagues to serve as Majority Leader. In prior sessions he has served as Majority Leader, Co-Chairman of the joint committee on Finance and Chair of the Senate Corrections Committee. He served for 27 years in the U.S. Army Reserves, retiring as Lieutenant Colonel.

Scott is joined today by his wife Lisa, his sons Scotty, Brennan and Connor, his parents Steve and Bonnie, and his in-laws Albin and Lousie Will.

Please join me in welcoming back Scott Fitzgerald."

OATH OF OFFICE

Upon the calling of the newly elected Senators on Monday, January 3, 2011, the following appeared before the Senate, took and subscribed the oath of office which was administered by the Honorable Michael Gableman, Associate Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Frank Lasee	Tim Carpenter
Leah Vukmir	Chris Larson
Joe Leibham	Neal Kedzie
Scott Fitzgerald	Tim Cullen
Dale Schultz	Michael Ellis
Van Wanggaard	Terry Moulton
Bob Jauch	John Erpenbach
Pam Galloway	Kathleen Vinehout
Rich Zipperer	

CALL OF ROLL

The roll was called, disclosing the presence of a quorum.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 15, the official attendance for session was:

Senators Carpenter, Cowles, Cullen, Darling, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Galloway, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Holperin, Hopper, Jauch, Kapanke, Kedzie, Larson, F. Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Leibham, Miller, Moulton, Olsen, Risser, Schultz, Taylor, Vinehout, Vukmir, Wanggaard, Wirch and Zipperer – 32.

Absent – 0.

Absent with leave – Senator Coggs – 1.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator Miller, with unanimous consent, asked that Senator Coggs be granted a leave of absence for today's session.

Considered as privileged and taken up.

Senate Resolution 1

Relating to: notifying the assembly and the governor that the 2011–2012 senate is organized.

By Senators Fitzgerald, Ellis, Grothman, Miller and Hanen.
Read.

The question was: Shall **Senate Resolution 1** be adopted?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 32; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Carpenter, Cowles, Cullen, Darling, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Galloway, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Holperin, Hopper, Jauch, Kapanke, Kedzie, Larson, F. Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Leibham, Miller, Moulton, Olsen, Risser, Schultz, Taylor, Vinehout, Vukmir, Wanggaard, Wirch and Zipperer – 32.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – Senator Coggs – 1.

Adopted.

Remarks of President Risser

“With the adoption of Senate Resolution 1, the Senate has elected new officers for itself. In a few moments, I will ask those officers to come before the bar to take the oath of office. Before I do that, however, I would like to say a few words on behalf of myself and each of the Senate Presidents who came before me.

First, I want to say thank you to my fellow Senators for allowing me to serve as Senate President. It is a great honor to serve as President and I have enjoyed that opportunity. I especially appreciate the fact that the members of this body—regardless of party or personal philosophy – have maintained an order and decorum that has give the Wisconsin State Senate a reputation as a model legislative body. I'm sure that this tradition and long history of fair, respectful debate on

the many issues that confront our state will continue under its new leadership.

The Wisconsin State Senate did not always select its presiding officer. The Lieutenant Governor acted as President of the Senate until 1979 when the state constitution was changed to provide that the Senate select its own president.

I was the first Senator selected for that position in 1979 and have served on and off as president for approximately 24 of the past 32 years since that time. Senator Mike Ellis, who will be receiving the gavel from me today, will become the fourth person to hold this position along with Senator Brian Rude, Senator Alan Lasee and myself.

Senator Ellis, by the way, will be the first Senate President who is less than 6'2" tall – but I am sure he will make up the difference in other ways. Senator Ellis – as mentioned by Senator Fitzgerald earlier – has served longer in the State Legislature than any other legislator in the states history, other than myself. He is well versed in the Senate Rules and I know he will do a great job as our president.

Historically, until 1882, Wisconsin Senators served only two year terms. One of these two year term State Senators was my own Great-Grandfather, Col. Clement Warner, who came to the Senate in 1868 after the Civil War with one arm missing – having lost it in the war.

Our proceedings this afternoon are being broadcast by Wisconsin Eye. You will notice the little black boxes in the balcony which contain cameras to cover our proceedings. In addition to covering all Senate sessions, Wisconsin Eye also covers numerous committee hearings throughout the session making it possible for people throughout Wisconsin to follow the activities of the Senate.

It is fortunate that the Senate will continue to have the services of our Chief Clerk Rob Marchant and his staff for the coming session. This body used to select its staff on a patronage, partisan basis, but for over thirty years – beginning with our former Chief Clerk Don Schneider – we have maintained a non-partisan, professional Chief Clerk who has served everyone in this body regardless of which party holds the majority and Rob Marchant has done an excellent job of upholding this tradition.

Our current Sergeant at Arms Ted Blazel will also be staying with us. He joins a list of top-notch professional, non-partisans who help make this partisan body work.

Finally, I would like to recognize my wife, Nancy, who is here today. Without her help and support, I would not be standing before you now.

With that, I would like to call Senators Ellis and Leibham, as well as Chief Clerk Marchant and Sergeant at Arms Blazel before the bar to take the oath of office.”

SENATE OFFICERS OATH OF OFFICE

The President, Michael G. Ellis, the President Pro Tempore, Joe Leibham, the Chief Clerk, Robert J. Marchant, and the Sergeant at Arms, Edward A. Blazel, having been duly elected by the adoption of **Senate Resolution 1**, appeared together before the bar of the Senate, took and subscribed the oath of office which was administered by the Honorable Michael Gableman, Associate Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

IN THE CHAIR

President Ellis in the chair.

President Ellis and President Pro Tempore Leibham introduced the Senators returning from the 99th Session: Senators Cowles, Taylor, Coggs, Darling, Harsdorf, Holperin, Olsen, Miller, Hopper, Grothman, Wirch, Lassa, Risser, Lazich, Hansen and Kapanke.

With unanimous consent, Senator Fitzgerald addressed the members from the rostrum.

Remarks of Majority Leader Fitzgerald

“It is an honor and also very humbling to be chosen as the next Majority Leader. We’ve got an enormous challenge ahead of us, and the stakes are simply too high for us to fail.

I’d like to quickly congratulate our new governor, Scott Walker, as well, and the recently announced members of his cabinet. I also look forward to working with our colleagues in the state Assembly – which we know as the Lower House – but I do sometimes wonder about that new Speaker they’ve got over there.

I’d like to give a note of appreciation to the minority leadership as well, for the standards of decorum they’ve always held in this body. I am hopeful that this will continue over the next two years.

Every single person working under this dome has a responsibility. We all made a promise to the five-and-a-half-million people in the state of Wisconsin that we would work to make this state a better place.

For those of you here in attendance, and for everyone who has a stake in what we do here, I have a message for you. If you’re expecting more of the same, you’re going to be disappointed.

Under Scott Walker and the speaker and I – the phrase “that’s the way we’ve always done things” is no longer a valid reason. There are going to be some disappointed lobbyists. There are going to be some disappointed bureaucrats. And there are going to be some very real changes to the status quo.

We all have a role in this building, and we all have a role in re-building the future of this great state. And we all need to ask the Lord for strength to face these challenges together, and not to let our differences tear us apart.

We all have to remember that this job is bigger than just ourselves, and more important than our own ambitions and personal desires.

If there’s one piece of advice I can give to the newly elected freshmen, that’s what it would be – remember that truth. Remember that we OWE it, to the people of Wisconsin and to the future of our great state – to work together in order to move forward.”

With unanimous consent, Senator Miller addressed the members from the rostrum.

Remarks of Minority Leader Miller

“Today we celebrate the opening of the 100th session of the Wisconsin State Legislature.

Since 1848 over 1,000 men and women have served in the Senate, and today we welcome both the new and returning members who will have the honor of serving the people of Wisconsin for the next four years.

Throughout our history, the Senate has taken on the issues of the day, large and small. Debated (and debated and debated) them and arrived at solutions.

The results of our deliberations have helped to build Wisconsin’s history of progressive leadership on issues like education, health care and worker’s rights.

One hundred years ago Wisconsin’s state government implemented the workmen’s compensation law, established the first state-supported system for vocational, technical and adult education, put into effect the first modern income-tax law and issued the first limited, low-cost individual life insurance and annuity contracts for state residents.

One decade ago Wisconsin addressed the crisis of affordable prescription drugs for seniors by passing the landmark SeniorCare prescription drug plan.

And today the Wisconsin spirit of innovation and leadership lives on with cutting research on embryonic stem cells and innovations in clean energy, manufacturing and agriculture.

Our work in the coming weeks and months will challenge us all. But the people we serve are counting on us.

Creating jobs in Wisconsin was a priority in the last session as we struggled with the 2008 national recession. Our efforts resulted in 50% more jobs created in the first three quarters of 2010 than projected for the entire year. If we keep pace in 2011, our efforts will create 80,000 jobs in 2010 and 2011.

The workers of Wisconsin are counting on us to continue to create the new, well paying jobs they want and need and to ensure they are treated fairly in the workplace.

The families of Wisconsin are counting on us to make sure that critical community services like police and fire protection are there when they need them.

The children of Wisconsin are counting on us to provide them with the opportunity to get the K-12 and continuing education – be it technical college or university – to succeed in our global economy.

The seniors of Wisconsin are counting on us to help secure their retirement, help them stay in their homes and afford their prescription drugs.

The businesses of Wisconsin are counting on us to foster entrepreneurship and a spirit of innovation along with a providing a modern, efficient transportation infrastructure and a well-trained workforce.

The citizens of Wisconsin expect that the benefits of economic recovery will be shared by all, not just an elite few.

We will certainly have our disagreements as we discuss these and the other important issues that come before us. But our commitment to public service and finding real solutions must prevail – the people we serve deserve and expect no less.

Wisconsin’s motto is “forward”. So with a nod to our state’s proud progressive history and respect for the service of those who came before us, “forward” is the direction in which Democrats will seek to move in the 100th session of the state legislature.”

Considered as privileged and taken up.

Senate Resolution 2

Relating to: the senate rules.

By Senators Fitzgerald and Ellis.

Read.

The question was: Shall **Senate Resolution 2** be adopted?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 32; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Carpenter, Cowles, Cullen, Darling, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Galloway, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Holperin, Hopper, Jauch, Kapanke, Kedzie, Larson, F. Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Leibham, Miller, Moulton, Olsen, Risser, Schultz, Taylor, Vinehout, Vukmir, Wanggaard, Wirch and Zipperer – 32.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – Senator Coggs – 1.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The joint committee on **Legislative Organization** reports and recommends:

Senate Joint Resolution 1

Relating to: the session schedule for the 2011–2012 biennial session period.

Introduction.

Ayes, 10 – Senators Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Miller and Hansen. Representatives J. Fitzgerald, Suder, Knodl, Barca and Seidel.

Noes, 0 – None.

MICHAEL ELLIS
Senate Chairperson

Considered as privileged and taken up.

Senate Joint Resolution 1

Relating to: the session schedule for the 2011–2012 biennial session period.

By the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization.

Read.

The question was: Shall **Senate Joint Resolution 1** be adopted?

The ayes and noes were required and the vote was: ayes, 32; noes, 0; absent or not voting, 1; as follows:

Ayes – Senators Carpenter, Cowles, Cullen, Darling, Ellis, Erpenbach, S. Fitzgerald, Galloway, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Holperin, Hopper, Jauch, Kapanke, Kedzie, Larson, F. Lasee, Lassa, Lazich, Leibham, Miller, Moulton, Olsen, Risser, Schultz, Taylor, Vinehout, Vukmir, Wanggaard, Wirch and Zipperer – 32.

Noes – None.

Absent or not voting – Senator Coggs – 1.

Adopted.

Senator Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that all action be immediately messaged to the Assembly:

Senate Joint Resolution 1

Messaged.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

December 7, 2010

The Honorable, The Senate:

I, DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin have been approved by the regular session of the 2009-2010 legislature and duly published as required by Section 1 of [Article XII of the Constitution](#):

Enrolled Joint Resolution 14 (first consideration)

Enrolled Joint Resolution 27 (first consideration)

Enrolled Joint Resolution 40 (first consideration)

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADJOURNMENT HONORS AND REMARKS UNDER SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Lasee, with unanimous consent, introduced his guests attending the 2011 inaugural; Rick Campbell, Robina Keogh, Joe Eastman, Chris Battle, Melissa Battle, Kyle Battle, Quinn Battle, Calvin Battle, Emma Smyth, Amy Joy Lasee, Charlette Mullen, Randy Savaglio, Toni Savaglio, Sophia Larsen, Daphne Larsen, Carina Lasee, Annika Lasee, June Lasee, Judy Chiappetta, Judy Lashauke, Ross Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Marv Kovach, Marian Kovach, Robert Kovach, John Hartman, Nicole Hartman, Elliot Christiansen, Gina Christiansen, Max Christiansen, Rich Heidel, Melvin Timm, Dana Timm, Kathy Rasmussen, Thomas Anderson, Phil Uekert, John Vander Leest and Isaac Orr.

Senator Vukmir, with unanimous consent, introduced her guests attending the 2011 inaugural; Elena Vukmir, Nick Vukmir, Stella Papachristou, Curt David, Anna Marie Dickrell, Tim Martin, Cathy Waller, Brian Dorow, Matt Adamczyk, Josh Hoisington, Jason Rostan, Johnny Koremenos and Dean Cady.

Senator Larson, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his wife Jessica, parents Margaret and Lawrence, siblings Rebecca, Betsy, and David, grandmother Victoria, in-laws Loren, Joan, Melissa, Erica and Spencer, and his late grandfather William Zaeske, who was a kind-hearted inspirational person.

Senator Leibham, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his wife Heather, his two sons Andrew and William, and his one month old daughter Lucy. In addition Senator Leibham adjourns in honor of the citizens of the 9th District, many who came the State Capitol today to join in this special day for our state.

Senator Cullen, with unanimous consent, introduced his guests attending the 2011 inaugural; wife Barbara Cullen, mother-in-law Kay Mork, daughter Katharine Cullen, stepdaughter Loren Fellows, Brad and Sloan Fellows, stepdaughter Erin Jacobson and Cooper Jacobson, Tom Cullen, Todd Cullen, Amanda Kane, Brian and Michael Cullen, Doug and Sandra Heenan, Austin, Cole, and Gail Scieszinski, Cameron Graves, Alex Krueger, Julie Strong, Josh Fox, Bob Lang and Mary Tatge, Wally Kunicki, Steve Bablitch, Stan Milam, Karen Schulte, and Bill Gerrard.

Senator Miller, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his new granddaughter,

Geneva Hitomi Miller, daughter of Emi Hibino Miller and Sterling Miller.

Senator Schultz, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in memory of Stanley Postawa, of Sauk Prairie, who passed away on December 18, 2010. Postawa served our nation through his military service in the United States Army. His life was a testament to selfless allegiance and sacrifice, and he is survived by the gratitude of those he benefited. Stan Postawa was a long-time, proud member of the Prairie Du Sac Fire Department. The community could count on Postawa's bravery in the line of duty on behalf of his colleagues and neighbors. Stanley Postawa bestows on us a debt of gratitude. It is a privilege to honor Stanley Postawa's lifetime of dedication to his beloved community of Sauk Prairie and the State of Wisconsin.

Senator Schultz, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in memory of Larry Drea, of Loreto Ridge, who passed away on December 15, 2010. Larry served us all in our nation's military where he was decorated for his bravery. Larry Drea was a lifelong member of the Sauk County Tavern League. He owned and operated Drea's bar, the longest running licensed bar in the state. His devotion to his work made his tavern the place to go for long lasting friendships. One of Larry's great gifts was his knowledge of local history and his willingness to share it with others. He was a wonderful historian, exciting any listener with his deep rooted understanding of our rural neighborhood known as Loreto Ridge. For example, Larry shared with Senator Schultz stories of a grandfather the Senator never knew and, when he heard a tidbit of local history somewhere, Senator Schultz knew he could go to Larry for the rest of the story – in technicolor. Senator Schultz is fortunate to be among those who knew and worked with Larry Drea and it is a privilege to honor his many gifts to Loreto Ridge, Sauk County, and Wisconsin.

Senator Wanggaard, with unanimous consent, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his Lord Jesus who daily keeps him faithful; the memory of his parents Dr. Herluf and Hattie Wanggaard who formed his character, his wife's parents, John Mizer and Pauline Mizer-Hermes; his wife Mary Jo; his children Kathleen Jensen and her husband John, Joshua Wanggaard and his wife Amy; several brothers and sisters who are here today, Gail Wanggaard, Mark and Nancy Wanggaard, Kevin and Sandra Wanggaard, Chris Wanggaard, John & Barb Mizer, and his father-in-law Donald Hermes. The Senator

would also like to recognize extended family and friends that he has come to appreciate and respect, who have added value to his life: Akil & Rehana Ajmeri, Tom and Karalin Tousis, Doug and Sue Koykkari, John Manders, John Leiber, Charles & Jennifer Johnson, Jeff Gelhoff, Sam Wahlen, Racine County Executive William McReynolds, Racine County Corporation Counsel Jonathan Lehman, Raymond Town Supervisor Dave Lecus, Racine Chief of Police Kurt Wahlen & wife Janet, and Racine County Department Heads Jonathan Delagrave and David Prott. Thank you all for sharing this moment in our State's history and for your continued prayers of support.

Senator Jauch, with unanimous consent, introduced his guests attending the 2011 inaugural; Cecilia Jauch, Jessica Jauch and Jerry Moyer, Chris Jauch, Janet Jauch, Tom and Jeannette Jauch, Katie Jauch, Jerry and Linda Soyering, Doug and Rhonda Montavon, and Heather, Rachel, Amy and Carter Montavon.

Senator Risser, with unanimous consent, introduced his guest attending the 2011 inaugural; his wife Nancy.

Senator Erpenbach, with unanimous consent, introduced his guests attending the 2011 inaugural; Liz and Bill Erpenbach, his children Joe and Amy Erpenbach, and his brother Will and nephew Eli Erpenbach.

Senate Chief Clerk Robert Marchant, with unanimous consent, introduced his guests attending the 2011 inaugural; Amy, Evelyn and Matthew Marchant; and Judy and Wayne Roller.

Senate Sergeant at Arms Ted Blazel, asked that when the Senate adjourn, it do so in honor of his wife Hanna, his sons Ben and Will, his parents Robert and Mary Kay Blazel, and his in-laws Dale and Dotty Heinecke.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator S. Fitzgerald, with unanimous consent, asked that the Senate stand adjourned until Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

Adjourned.

3:16 P.M.