Senate convened at 12:01 p.m. Senator Fred Thomas, Dean of the Senate, Presiding.

Without objection, Senator Thomas appointed Carl Spencer as temporary Sergeant-at-Arms, and announced that the President invited Mike Frymier, Senior Pastor at the Calvary Baptist Church in Bozeman, MT, to deliver the invocation.

Posting of colors by the Honor Guard from the U.S. Army Reserve located at Fort Harrison, Montana. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation by Pastor Frymier.

Without objection, Senator Thomas appointed Marilyn Miller of Helena as temporary Secretary of the Senate. Secretary Miller called the roll of the newly-elected Senators:

Senate District 1 - Mike Cuffe
Senate District 4 - Mark Blasdel
Senate District 5 - Bob Keenan
Senate District 8 - Susan Webber
Senate District 9 - Bruce Gillespie
Senate District 11 - Tom Jacobson
Senate District 12 - Carlie Boland
Senate District 13 - Brian Hoven
Senate District 14 - Russ Tempel
Senate District 19 - Kenneth Bogner
Senate District 20 - Duane Ankney
Senate District 22 - Doug Kary
Senate District 24 - Mary McNally
Senate District 27 - Cary Smith
Senate District 29 - David Howard
Senate District 30 - John Esp
Senate District 32 - Pat Flowers
Senate District 33 - Jennifer (JP) Pominichowski
Senate District 34 - Gordon (Gordy) Vance
Senate District 41 - Janet Ellis
Senate District 42 - Jill Cohenour
Senate District 43 - Jason Ellsworth
Senate District 48 - Nate McConnell
Senate District 49 - Diane Sands
Senate District 50 - Bryce Bennett
Sergeant-at-Arms Spencer admitted the Honorable Laurie McKinnon, Justice of the Montana Supreme Court, to the Senate chamber. Justice McKinnon administered the oath of office to the newly-elected Senators and was then escorted from the chamber by Sergeant-at-Arms Spencer.

Secretary Miller called the roll of the entire Senate by district. Fifty members present. Quorum present.

Senator Blasdel moved the Rules of the Senate and the Joint Rules as reflected in SR1 and SJ1, printed and placed on the members' desks this day, be adopted as the temporary operating rules of the 66th Legislature. Motion carried.

Senator Thomas opened nominations for the office of President of the Montana Senate.

Senator Sands nominated Senator Scott Sales of Senate District 35 for the office of President of the Senate for the 66th Legislature, and moved that the election carry with it the name of Senator Mark Blasdel of Senate District 4 for the office of President Pro Tempore.

Senator Sesso moved the nominations be closed and that Senator Sales be elected President of the Senate by acclimation. Motion carried.

Majority Leader Thomas and Minority Leader Sesso presented a gavel to President Sales reflecting his two successive sessions as President of the Montana Senate.

President Sales assumed the chair and addressed the Senate. President Sales then introduced Senator Jon Sesso, Minority Leader, and Senator Fred Thomas, Majority Leader. Each Senator addressed opening remarks to the Senate.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES (Brown, Chair): 1/7/2019
Secretary Miller read the report from the Committee on Committees recommending the following committee appointments:

Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
Tu, Th; 3 p.m.; Rm 335
Hoven, Brian (R) - CH
Lang, Mike (R) - VCh
Smith, Frank (D) - VCh
Bogner, Kenneth (R)
Ellis, Janet(D)
Gillespie, Bruce (R)
MacDonald, Margie (D)
Olszewski, Albert (R)
Osmundson, Ryan (R)
Salomon, Daniel (R)
Webber, Susan (D)

**Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs**

*M-F; 8 a.m.; Rm 422*
Fitzpatrick, Steve (R) - Ch
Brown, Dee (R) - VCh
Malek, Sue (D) - VCh
Boland, Carlie (D)
Ellsworth, Jason (R)
Gauthier, Terry (R)
Small, Jason (R)
Smith, Frank (D)
Vance, Gordon (R)
Vuckovich, Gene (D)

**Committee on Committees**

*On call*
Brown, Dee (R) - CH
Howard, David (R)
Osmundson, Ryan (R)
Smith, Cary (R)
Vance, Gordon (R)
Welborn, Jeffrey (R)

**Education and Cultural Resources**

*M, W, F; 3p.m.; Rm 422*
Salomon, Daniel (R) - Ch
Regier, Keith (R) - VCh
McClafferty, Edie (D) - VCh
Blasdel, Mark (R)
Bogner, Kenneth (R)
Boland, Carlie (D)
Tempel, Russel (R)
Webber, Susan (D)

**Energy and Telecommunications**

*Tu, Th; 3p.m.; Rm 317*
Ankney, Duane (R) - Ch
Small, Jason (R) - VCh
McNally, Mary (D) - VCh
Barrett, Dick (D)
Cufie, Mike (R)
Gauthier, Terry (R)
Kary, Doug (R)
Malek, Sue (D)
Phillips, Mike (D)
Regier, Keith (R)
Richmond, Tom (R)
Tempel, Russel (R)
Vuckovich, Gene (D)

Ethics
On call
Regier, Keith (R) - Ch
Howard, David (R) - VCh
Cohenour, Jill (D)
Pomnichowski, JP (D)

Finance & Claims
M-F; 8a.m.; Rm 317
Osmundson, Ryan (R) - Ch
Smith, Cary (R) - VCh
Sesso, Jon (D) - VCh
Ankney, Duane (R)
Bogner, Kenneth (R)
Cuffe, Mike (R)
Ellis, Janet (D)
Flowers, Pat (D)
Howard, David (R)
Jacobson, Tom (D)
Kary, Doug (R)
Keenan, Bob (R)
Lang, Mike (R)
McConnell, Nate (D)
McNally, Mary (D)
Olszewski, Albert (R)
Salomon, Dan (R)
Webber, Susan (D)
Welborn, Jeffrey (R)

Fish and Game
Tu, Th; 3p.m.; Rm 422
Fielder, Jennifer (R) - Ch
Hinebauch, Steve (R) - VCh
Cohenour, Jill (D) - VCh
Ellsworth, Jason (R)
Flowers, Pat (D)
Howard, David (R)
Jacobson, Tom (D)
Highways and Transportation
Tu, Th; 3p.m.; Rm 405
Vance, Gordon (R) - Ch
Fitzpatrick, Steve (R) - VCh
Boland, Carlie (D) - VCh
Bennett, Bryce (D)
Brown, Dee (R)
Esp, John (R)
Gross, Jen (D)
Sands, Diane (D)
Webb, Roger (R)
Welborn, Jeff (R)

Judiciary
M-F; 9a.m.; Rm 303
Regier, Keith (R) - Ch
Fielder, Jennifer (R) - VCh
Sands, Diane (D) - VCh
Bennett, Bryce (D)
Esp, John (R)
Gross, Jen (D)
Hinebauch, Steve (R)
MacDonald, Margaret (Margie) (D)
Sales, Scott (R)
Vance, Gordy (R)

Legislative Administration
On call
Keenan, Bob (R) - Ch
Brown, Dee (R) - VCh
Sands, Diane (D) - VCh
Gross, Jen (D)
Lang, Mike (R)

Local Government
M, W, F; 3p.m.; Rm 405
Lang, Mike (R) - Ch
Gauthier, Terry (R) - VCh
Vuckovich, Gene (D) - VCh
Ellsworth, Jason (R)
Fielder, Jennifer (R)
Fitzpatrick, Steve (R)
MacDonald, Margie (D)
McConnell, Nate (D)
Sesso, Jon (D)
Webb, Roger (R)

Natural Resources
M, W, F; 3 p.m.; Rm 303
Welborn, Jeffrey (R) - Ch
Richmond, Tom (R) - VCh
Pomnichowski, JP (D)- VCh
Ankney, Duane (R)
Barrett, Dick (D)
Cohenour, Jill (D)
Esp, John (R)
Flowers, Pat (D)
Gillespie, Bruce (R)
Hoven, Brian (R)
Jacobson, Tom (D)
Sales, Scott (R)

Public Health, Welfare and Safety
M, W, F; 3 p.m.; Rm 317
Howard, David (R) - Ch
Smith, Cary (R) - VCh
Gross, Jen (D) - VCh
Hinebauch, Steve (R)
Keenan, Bob (R)
Malek, Sue (D)
McNally, Mary (D)
Olszewski, Albert (R)
Sands, Diane (D)
Small, Jason (R)

Rules
On call
Thomas, Fred (R) - Ch
Blasdel, Mark (R)- VCh
Sesso, Jon (D) - VCh
Barrett, Dick (D)
Bennett, Bryce (D)
Fitzpatrick, Steve (R)
Kary, Doug (R)
Keenan, Bob (R)
MacDonald, Margie (D)
McConnell, Nate (R)
Olszewski, Albert (R)
Phillips, Mike (D)
Sales, Scott (R)
Smith, Cary (R)
Webb, Roger (R)

State Administration
M, W, F; 3p.m.; Rm 335
Brown, Dee (R)- Ch
Kary, Doug (R) - VCh
Bennett, Bryce (D) - VCh
Cuffe, Mike (R)
Ellis, Janet (D)
Osmundson, Ryan (R)
Smith, Frank (D)
Vance, Gordon (R)

Taxation
M-F; 8a.m.; Rm 405
Webb, Roger (R)- Ch
Hoven, Brian (R)- VCh
Barrett, Dick (D) - VCh
Blasdel, Mark (R)
Cohenour, Jill (D)
Gillespie, Bruce (R)
McCafferty, Edie (D)
Phillips, Mike (D)
Pomnichowski, JP (D)
Richmond, Tom (R)
Tempel, Russel (R)
Thomas, Fred (R)

Senator Brown moved the adoption of the committee report. Motion carried.
Secretary Miller read the report from the Legislative Administration Committee recommending the following staff appointments:

**SENATE STAFF ~ 2019**

**SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**
- Marilyn Miller: Secretary of the Senate
- Debra Polhemus: Deputy Secretary of the Senate
- Nadine Spencer: Deputy Secretary of the Senate
- Katie Spencer: Secretary to Sec. of the Senate
- Tara Boulanger: Secretary to Sec. of the Senate
- Shelley Vance: Secretary to the President
- Tom McGillvray: Assistant to the President

**SERGEANT'S OFFICE**
- Carl Spencer: Sergeant at Arms
- Ray Todd: Ass't Sgt at Arms - Security
- Bonner Armstrong: Ass't Sgt at Arms - Supplies
- David Zellmer: Safety & Facilities Aide
- Caleb Hinkle: Safety & Facilities Aide
- Pat Hamilton: Safety & Facilities Aide
- Brent Webber: Safety & Facilities Aide (part time)
- Jean Johnson: Page Supervisor

**MAJORITY OFFICE**
- Casey Collins: Majority Leadership Aide
- Abra Belke: Majority Leadership Aide
- Ian Sibbert: Majority Leadership Aide
- tba: Majority Leadership Aide

**MINORITY OFFICE**
- Liz Albers: Minority Leadership Aide
- Emily Harris: Minority Leadership Aide
- Blake Thompson: Minority Leadership Aide
- Samuel Fossum: Minority Leadership Aide

**ROSTRUM**
- Leanne Kurtz: Amendments Coordinator
- John Linné: Bills Distributor
Senator Keenan moved the adoption of the committee report. The motion carried.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Majority Leader Thomas moved that the President's appointment of Marilyn Miller, as Secretary of the Senate, and Carl Spencer, as Sergeant-at-Arms, be confirmed by the Senate. Motion carried.

Majority Leader Thomas moved the President appoint a select committee to notify His Excellency, the Governor, that the Senate is organized and ready for business. Motion carried. The President appointed Senator Brown, Chair, and Senators Ellsworth, MacDonald, and McClafferty.
Majority Leader Thomas moved the President appoint a select committee to notify the Chief Justice and members of the Supreme Court that the Senate is organized and ready for business. Motion carried. The President appointed Senator Regier, Chair, and Senators Fielder, Sands and Gross.

Majority Leader Thomas moved the President appoint a select committee to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate is organized and ready for business and that the Senate wishes the House success in its deliberations. Motion carried. The President appointed Senator Howard, Chair, and Senators Cohenour, Phillips, and Welborn.

President Sales instructed the select committees to retire to perform their assigned duties. Majority Leader Thomas moved the Senate stand at ease, subject to the call of the Chair, to await the reports of the select committees. Motion carried.

Following a brief recess, President Sales called the Senate back to order.

**FIRST READING AND COMMITMENT OF BILLS**

The following Senate bills were introduced, read first time, and referred to committees:

- **SB 1**, introduced by S. Malek (by request of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee), referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.
- **SB 2**, introduced by M. MacDonald (by request of the Local Government Interim Committee), referred to State Administration.
- **SB 3**, introduced by J. Gross (by request of the Law and Justice Interim Committee), referred to Judiciary.
- **SB 5**, introduced by D. Sands (by request of the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee), referred to Public Health, Welfare and Safety.
- **SB 6**, introduced by E. McClafferty (by request of the Education Interim Committee), referred to Education and Cultural Resources.
- **SB 8**, introduced by K. Regier, referred to Education and Cultural Resources.
- **SB 9**, introduced by D. Salomon (by request of the Education Interim Committee), referred to Education and Cultural Resources.
- **SB 10**, introduced by D. Salomon (by request of the Education Interim Committee), referred to Education and Cultural Resources.
- **SB 11**, introduced by D. Salomon (by request of the Education Interim Committee), referred to Education and Cultural Resources.
- **SB 12**, introduced by D. Salomon (by request of the Education Interim Committee), referred to Education and Cultural Resources.
- **SB 13**, introduced by J. Gross (by request of the State-Tribal Relations Committee), referred to

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SB 14, introduced by D. Brown (by request of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee), referred to State Administration.

SB 15, introduced by C. Boland (by request of the Local Government Interim Committee), referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.

SB 16, introduced by D. Salomon (by request of the Education Interim Committee), referred to Education and Cultural Resources.

SB 17, introduced by M. MacDonald (by request of the Local Government Interim Committee), referred to Local Government.

SB 18, introduced by M. MacDonald (by request of the Local Government Interim Committee), referred to Taxation.

SB 19, introduced by R. Webb (by request of the Local Government Interim Committee), referred to Judiciary.

SB 20, introduced by R. Webb (by request of the Local Government Interim Committee), referred to Local Government.

SB 21, introduced by R. Webb, referred to Judiciary.

SB 22, introduced by R. Webb, referred to Judiciary.


SB 25, introduced by M. Blasdel (by request of the Department of Justice), referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.

SB 26, introduced by S. Fitzpatrick (by request of the Supreme Court), referred to Judiciary.

SB 27, introduced by S. Fitzpatrick, referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.

SB 28, introduced by T. Richmond, referred to Taxation.

SB 29, introduced by F. Thomas (by request of the Local Government Interim Committee), referred to Local Government.

SB 30, introduced by J. Gross (by request of the State-Tribal Relations Committee), referred to Public Health, Welfare and Safety.

SB 31, introduced by J. Small (by request of the State-Tribal Relations Committee), referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.

SB 32, introduced by J. Sesso (by request of the Water Policy Interim Committee), referred to Natural Resources.

SB 33, introduced by T. Richmond, D. Kary, referred to Local Government.

SB 34, introduced by P. Flowers (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), referred to Natural Resources.

SB 35, introduced by F. Thomas, referred to Education and Cultural Resources.

SB 36, introduced by M. MacDonald (by request of the Department of Corrections), referred to Judiciary.

SB 37, introduced by M. MacDonald (by request of the Department of Corrections), referred to Judiciary.

SB 38, introduced by M. MacDonald (by request of the Local Government Interim Committee), referred to Public Health, Welfare and Safety.

SB 39, introduced by S. Fitzpatrick (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.

SB 40, introduced by F. Smith (by request of the State-Tribal Relations Committee), referred to Education and Cultural Resources.
SB 41, introduced by T. Richmond (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), referred to Natural Resources.

SB 42, introduced by J. Cohenour (by request of the Department of Revenue), referred to Taxation.

SB 43, introduced by M. MacDonald (by request of the State Public Defender), referred to Judiciary.

SB 44, introduced by J. Cohenour (by request of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks), referred to Fish and Game.

SB 45, introduced by J. Cohenour (by request of the Water Policy Interim Committee), referred to Natural Resources.

SB 46, introduced by J. Cohenour (by request of the Water Policy Interim Committee), referred to Natural Resources.

SB 47, introduced by J. Cohenour (by request of the Water Policy Interim Committee), referred to Natural Resources.

SB 48, introduced by T. Richmond (by request of the Department of Environmental Quality), referred to Natural Resources.

SB 49, introduced by J. Cohenour (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), referred to Natural Resources.

SB 50, introduced by E. McClafferty (by request of the Education Interim Committee), referred to Education and Cultural Resources.

SB 51, introduced by D. Barrett (by request of the Department of Transportation), referred to Highways and Transportation.

SB 52, introduced by D. Sands (by request of the Department of Justice), referred to Judiciary.

SB 53, introduced by J. Sesso (by request of the Legislative Council), referred to State Administration.

SB 54, introduced by F. Thomas (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.

SB 55, introduced by D. Salomon (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.

SB 56, introduced by J. Ellis (by request of the Department of Livestock), referred to Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

SB 57, introduced by J. Ellis (by request of the Department of Livestock), referred to Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

SB 58, introduced by D. Salomon (by request of the Department of Administration), referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.

SB 59, introduced by E. McClafferty (by request of the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice), referred to Public Health, Welfare and Safety.

SB 60, introduced by D. Salomon (by request of the Education Interim Committee), referred to Education and Cultural Resources.

SB 61, introduced by M. MacDonald (by request of the Board of Pharmacy), referred to Public Health, Welfare and Safety.

SB 62, introduced by D. Sands (by request of the Department of Corrections), referred to Judiciary.

SB 63, introduced by D. Sands (by request of the Board of Funeral Service), referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.
SB 64, introduced by D. Sands (by request of the Department of Public Health and Human Services), referred to Judiciary.

SB 65, introduced by K. Regier (by request of the Department of Justice), referred to Judiciary.

SB 66, introduced by T. Richmond (by request of the Department of Environmental Quality), referred to Natural Resources.

SB 67, introduced by B. Gillespie (by request of the Department of Livestock), referred to Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

SB 68, introduced by B. Gillespie (by request of the Department of Livestock), referred to Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

SB 69, introduced by M. Blasdel (by request of the Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee), referred to Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

SB 70, introduced by P. Flowers (by request of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks), referred to Fish and Game.

SB 71, introduced by A. Olszewski (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.

SB 73, introduced by S. Hinebauch (by request of the Department of Agriculture), referred to Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

SB 74, introduced by G. Vuckovich (by request of the Department of Labor and Industry), referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.

SB 75, introduced by G. Vuckovich (by request of the Board of Public Accountants), referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.

SB 76, introduced by B. Hoven (by request of the Department of Transportation), referred to Highways and Transportation.

SB 77, introduced by M. McNally (by request of the Department of Labor and Industry), referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.

SB 78, introduced by M. McNally (by request of the Department of Labor and Industry), referred to Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.

SB 79, introduced by S. Hinebauch (by request of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks), referred to Fish and Game.

SB 81, introduced by J. Cohenour (by request of the Water Policy Interim Committee), referred to Natural Resources.

The following Senate bills were introduced and read first time:

SB 24, introduced by T. Gauthier.

SB 72, introduced by J. Sesso (by request of the Water Policy Interim Committee).

SB 80, introduced by S. Sales (by request of the Legislative Council).

The following Senate resolution was introduced, read first time, and referred to committee:

SR 1, introduced by F. Thomas (by request of the Senate Rules Standing Committee), referred to Rules.

The following Senate joint resolutions were introduced, read first time, and referred to committee:
SJ 1, introduced by F. Thomas (by request of the Joint Rules Committee), referred to Rules.
SJ 2, introduced by F. Smith (by request of the State-Tribal Relations Committee), referred to Public Health, Welfare and Safety.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Majority Leader Thomas introduced the new Republican senators: Senators Mike Cuffe, Kenneth Bogner, Jason Ellsworth, John Esp, and Bruce Gillespie. Each senator addressed the Senate and introduced family members.

Minority Leader Sesso introduced the new Democrat senators: Senators Bryce Bennett, Janet Ellis, Pat Flowers, Tom Jacobson, Nate McConnell, and Susan Webber. Each senator addressed the Senate and introduced family members.

MESSAGES FROM THE OTHER HOUSE

The Honorable Committee from the House of Representatives, consisting of Representatives Becky Beard and Zac Perry, was escorted into the Senate by Sergeant-at-Arms Spencer. The Committee reported to the Senate that the House of Representatives was organized and ready for business.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

The select committee appointed to notify the Governor was escorted into the Senate by Sergeant-at-Arms Spencer. Committee chair Senator Brown reported that the committee had discharged its duty. The President expressed the thanks of the Senate and discharged the Committee.

The select committee appointed to notify the Chief Justice and members of the Supreme Court was escorted into the Senate by Sergeant-at-Arms Spencer. Committee chair Senator Regier reported that the committee had discharged its duty. The President expressed the thanks of the Senate and discharged the Committee.

The select committee appointed to notify the House of Representatives was escorted into the Senate by Sergeant-at-Arms Spencer. Committee chair Senator Howard reported that the committee had discharged its duty. The President expressed the thanks of the Senate and discharged the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings were announced by the committee chairs.
President Sales reviewed the week's schedule with the members. President Sales announced the rules were suspended, without objection, to allow family members on the floor of the chamber following adjournment.

Committee meetings were announced by the committee chairs.

Majority Leader Thomas moved the Senate adjourn until 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 8, 2017. The motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Marilyn Miller Scott Sales
Secretary of the Senate President of the Senate