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LETTER OF RESIGNATION

May 5, 2010

President Brandon Shaffer
Colorado State Capitol
202 E. Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

Dear President Shaffer,

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the State of Colorado and its citizens for the past eight years as the Senator from district. I hope I have made a difference in the lives of Colorado's citizens. I will always treasure my time as a member of the Colorado State Senate and General Assembly. I will greatly miss my colleagues and have made some life-long friendships while in this Chamber. I am very excited about the challenges I will face in my new position and the ability to continue serving the residents of Denver. Regrettably, I must resign my seat before the end of my term to accept my new position representing the citizens of Northwest Denver as their Councilmember. I am resigning my position in the State Senate effective May 12th at midnight so that I may finish out the session before being sworn in as the new Denver City Councilmember for district 1. Thank you for the privilege of serving with you.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Senator Paula E. Sandoval

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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I, Bernie Buescher, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that the 13
attached is a true and exact copy of the Designation of Nomination by Vacancy Committee 14
as filed in this office on the seventeenth day of May, 2010, by the Democratic 34th Senate 15
District Vacancy Committee, designating the appointment of Lucia Guzman to fill the 16
vacancy in the office of the Colorado State Senate, District 34, for the Sixty-seventh 17
General Assembly of the State of Colorado, caused by the resignation of the Honorable 18
Paula Sandoval. 19

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State 20
of Colorado, at the City and County of Denver this twentieth day of May, 2010. 21
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(signed) 23
Bernie Buescher 24
Secretary of State 25
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I, Bernie Buescher, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that the 35
attached is a true and exact copy of the Acceptance of Designation by Vacancy Committee 36
as filed in this office on the seventeenth day of May, 2010, by Lucia Guzman, accepting 37
the appointment of the Democratic 34th Senate District Vacancy Committee, to fill the 38
vacancy in the office of Colorado State Senate, District 34, for the Sixty-seventh General 39
Assembly of the State of Colorado, caused by the resignation of the Honorable Paula 40
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In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State 44
of Colorado, at the City and County of Denver this twentieth day of May, 2010. 45
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(signed) 47
Bernie Buescher 48
Secretary of State 49
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(NOTE: On May 21, at 11:00 a.m., Lucia Guzman of Denver was sworn in to the 51
Sixty-seventh General Assembly as Senator for Senate District 34 to fill the vacancy 52
created by the resignation of Senator Paula Sandoval. Justice Martinez administered the 53
oath of office in the Chamber of the Senate.) 54
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Karen Goldman 64
Secretary of the Senate 65
State Capitol Building 66
Room 250 67
Denver, CO 80204 68
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Reference: Resignation from Senate District 3, Pueblo Colorado 71
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Dear Karen;

It is with a degree of sadness, relief and gratitude that I am resigning my elected position that I presently hold, effective July 30, 2010 at 11:59 pm.

I have been offered and have accepted a position with the State of Colorado as the Director of the Colorado Lottery, headquarter in Pueblo Colorado. This is a very exciting and challenging position that I believe will utilize my years of experience in the business sector as well as my legislative knowledge. This position will begin on August 1, 2010 and with the offer, the condition was that I resign my position as a state Legislator as per state policies.

I cannot express the degree of honor and privilege that I have been granted to server the people of the State of Colorado, and to work with my colleges and staff which have been the utmost joy to work alongside. That experience is one that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

Sincerely yours,
(signed)
Abel J. Tapia

cc: Brandon C Shaffer, President of the Senate
Terry Hart, Chairman of the Pueblo Democratic Party

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

State of Colorado
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United States of America, ss. Certificate
State of Colorado

I, Bernie Buescher, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Designation of Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on the sixth day of August, 2010, by the Democratic 3rd Senate District Vacancy Committee, designating the appointment of Angela Giron to fill the vacancy in the office of the Colorado State Senate, District 3, for the Sixty-seventh General Assembly of the State of Colorado, caused by the resignation of the Honorable Abel Tapia.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City and County of Denver this eleventh day of August, 2010.

(signed)
Bernie Buescher
Secretary of State

State of Colorado
Department of
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United States of America, ss. Certificate
State of Colorado

I, Bernie Buescher, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Acceptance of Designation by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on the eleventh day of August, 2010, by Angela Giron, accepting the appointment of the Democratic 3rd Senate District Vacancy Committee, to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State Senate, District 3, for the Sixty-seventh General Assembly of the State of Colorado, caused by the resignation of the Honorable Abel Tapia.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City and County of Denver this eleventh day of August, 2010.

(signed)
Bernie Buescher
Secretary of State

(NOTE: On August 12, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., Angela Giron of Pueblo was sworn in to the Sixty-seventh General Assembly as Senator for Senate District 3 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Senator Abel J. Tapia. Justice Mullarkey administered the oath of office in the Chamber of the Senate.)

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Cindi Markwell
Secretary of the Senate
200 East Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

November 30, 2010

Mrs. Markwell:

I write to notify you of my intention to resign my seat in the Colorado Senate effective December 31, 2010. I have been honored to represent the people of Senate District 32 for the past four years at the Capitol and am proud of what we've been able to accomplish for Colorado.

This was a difficult decision but after much thought and discussion with my family, constituents and senate leadership, I believe that resigning my seat to run for mayor of Denver is necessary.

Do not hesitate to contact me with questions. I wish you and all my colleagues the best of luck in the 2011 session.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Chris Romer
Senate District 32
chris@chrisromer.org

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State of Colorado
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United States of America, ss. Certificate
State of Colorado

I, Bernie Buescher, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Designation of Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on the fourteenth day of December, 2010, by the Democratic 32nd Senate District Vacancy Committee, designating the appointment of Irene Aguilar to fill the vacancy in the office of the Colorado State Senate, District 32, for the Sixty-eighth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, caused by the resignation of the Honorable Chris Romer.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City and County of Denver this third day of January, 2011.

(signed)
Bernie Buescher
Secretary of State

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I, Bernie Buescher, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Acceptance of Designation by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on the fourteenth day of December, 2010, by Irene Aguilar, accepting the appointment of the Democratic 32nd Senate District Vacancy Committee, to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State Senate, District 32, for the Sixty-eighth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, caused by the resignation of the Honorable Chris Romer.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City and County of Denver this third day of January, 2011.

(signed)
Bernie Buescher
Secretary of State

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

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Cindi Markwell
Secretary of the Senate
200 E. Colfax
Denver, CO. 80203

Dear Cindi:

Pursuant to the provisions of CRS 1-12-203(4), I am hereby notifying you of my resignation from my Senate District 8 seat. My resignation will be effective on January 1, 2011.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Al White

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

State of Colorado
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I, Bernie Buescher, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Designation of Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on the fourth day of January, 2011, by the Republican 8th Senate District Vacancy Committee, designating the appointment of Jean Kaye White to fill the vacancy in the office of the Colorado State Senate, District 8, for the Sixty-eighth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, caused by the resignation of the Honorable Al White.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City and County of Denver this seventh day of January, 2011.

(signed)
Bernie Buescher
Secretary of State

State of Colorado
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State of Colorado

I, Bernie Buescher, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Acceptance of Designation by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on the fourth day of January, 2011, by Jean Kaye White, accepting the appointment of the Republican 8th Senate District Vacancy Committee, to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State Senate, District 8, for the Sixty-eighth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, caused by the resignation of the Honorable Al White.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City and County of Denver this seventh day of January, 2011.

(signed)
Bernie Buescher
Secretary of State

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

State of Colorado
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I, Bernie Buescher, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that I have canvassed the "Abstract of Votes" submitted in the State of Colorado, and do state that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the persons listed on the attached list were duly elected to the office of Colorado State Senate by the qualified electors of the state of Colorado in the November 2, 2010 General Election.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 15th day of December, 2010.

(signed)
Bernie Buescher
Secretary of State

COLORADO GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS - November 2, 2010

Colorado State Senate, District 1

Counties: Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Prowers, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Greg Brophy (REP)	34,632	77.46%
Michael Bowman (DEM)	10,080	22.54%

Colorado State Senate, District 2

Counties: Baca, Bent, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Pueblo

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Gloria Stultz (DEM)	18,581	41.77%
Kevin J. Grantham (REP)	25,902	58.23%

Colorado State Senate, District 3

Counties: Pueblo

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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	1
Vera Ortegon (REP)	20,313	45.00%	2
Angela Giron (DEM)	24,827	55.00%	3
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 5</u>			5
<u>Counties:</u> Alamosa, Chaffee, Conejos, Costilla, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale,			6
Mineral, Pitkin, Rio Grande, Saguache			7
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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	9
Bob Rankin (REP)	25,269	48.95%	10
Gail Schwartz (DEM)	26,355	51.05%	11
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 6</u>			13
<u>Counties:</u> Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, San			14
Juan, San Miguel			15
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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	17
Bruce Whitehead (DEM)	22,559	39.49%	18
Ellen Roberts (REP)	34,574	60.51%	19
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 7</u>			21
<u>Counties:</u> Garfield, Mesa			22
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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	24
Steve King (REP)	37,533	67.38%	25
Claudette J. Konola (DEM)	15,980	28.69%	26
Gilbert R. Fuller (LIB)	2,190	3.93%	27
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 9</u>			29
<u>Counties:</u> El Paso			30
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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	32
Kent Lambert (REP)	42,316	100.00%	33
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 11</u>			35
<u>Counties:</u> El Paso			36
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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	38
Owen Hill (REP)	13,526	47.11%	39
John P. Morse (DEM)	13,866	48.29%	40
Randall (LIB)	1,320	4.60%	41
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 13</u>			43
<u>Counties:</u> Weld			44
			45
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	46
Ken Storck (DEM)	15,866	34.46%	47
Scott W. Renfroe (REP)	30,182	65.54%	48
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 15</u>			50
<u>Counties:</u> Larimer			51
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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	53
Richard Ball (DEM)	27,135	40.39%	54
Kevin Lundberg (REP)	40,040	59.61%	55
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 16</u>			57
<u>Counties:</u> Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Grand, Jefferson, Summit			58
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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	60
Tim Leonard (REP)	30,224	49.46%	61
Jeanne Nicholson (DEM)	30,882	50.54%	62
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 20</u>			64
<u>Counties:</u> Jefferson			65
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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	67
John Odom (REP)	21,412	47.96%	68
Cheri Jahn (DEM)	23,238	52.04%	69
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 22</u>			71
<u>Counties:</u> Jefferson			72

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	1
Mike Kopp (REP)	35,155	62.77%	2
Mike Daniels (DEM)	20,851	37.23%	3
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 24</u>			5
<u>Counties: Adams</u>			6
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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	8
Lois Tochtrop (DEM)	20,750	54.84%	9
Luis Alvarez (REP)	17,055	45.07%	10
G. Robert Stevens (DEM) (Write-In)	33	0.09%	11
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 30</u>			13
<u>Counties: Douglas</u>			14
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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	16
Katherine E. Facchinello (DEM)	22,636	32.85%	17
Ted Harvey (REP)	46,261	67.15%	18
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 31</u>			20
<u>Counties: Adams, Denver</u>			21
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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	23
Doug Smith (REP)	9,127	27.30%	24
M. Patrick Steadman (DEM)	22,608	67.62%	25
Clifton Powell (ACP)	1,697	5.08%	26
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 32</u>			28
<u>Counties: Denver, Jefferson</u>			29
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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	31
Chris Romer (DEM)	29,772	65.60%	32
Tyler Kolden (REP)	15,610	34.40%	33
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 33</u>			35
<u>Counties: Denver</u>			36
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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	38
Mike Johnston (DEM)	33,634	82.19%	39
Lisa Ringle (REP)	7,276	17.78%	40
Renee Blanchard (DEM) (Write-In)	14	0.03%	41
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<u>Colorado State Senate, District 34</u>			43
<u>Counties: Denver</u>			44
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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	46
Lucia Guzman (DEM)	21,273	77.66%	47
Derec C. Shuler (REP)	6,121	22.34%	48
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In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 15th day of December, 2010.

COLORADO GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS - November 2, 2010

Colorado State Senate, District 1

Counties: Cheyenne, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Prowers, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Greg Brophy (REP) 320 East 6th St. Wray CO 80758	34,632	77.46%

Colorado State Senate, District 2

Counties: Baca, Bent, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Pueblo

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Kevin J. Grantham (REP) 318 W. Circle Dr. Canon City CO 81212	25,902	58.23%

Colorado State Senate, District 3

Counties: Pueblo

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Angela Giron (DEM) 1910 Court St. Pueblo CO 81003	24,827	55.00%

Colorado State Senate, District 5

Counties: Alamosa, Chaffee, Conejos, Costilla, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mineral, Pitkin, Rio Grande, Saguache

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Gail Schwartz (DEM) 236 Lemond Pl. Snowmass Village CO 81615	26,355	51.05%

Colorado State Senate, District 6

Counties: Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, San Juan, San Miguel

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Ellen Roberts (REP) 817 Nusbaum Road Durango CO 81301	34,574	60.51%

Colorado State Senate, District 7

Counties: Garfield, Mesa

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Steve King (REP) 2415 Broadway Grand Junction CO 81507	37,533	67.38%

Colorado State Senate, District 9

Counties: El Paso

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Kent Lambert (REP) 990 Point of the Pines Dr. Colorado Springs CO 80919	42,316	100.00%

Colorado State Senate, District 11

Counties: El Paso

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
John P. Morse (DEM) 411 Lakewood Cir C-507 Colorado Springs CO 80910	13,866	48.29%

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Colorado State Senate, District 13Counties: Weld

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Scott W. Renfroe (REP) 3201 Grandview Dr Greeley CO 80631	30,182	65.54%

Colorado State Senate, District 15Counties: Larimer

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Kevin Lundberg (REP) 2525 WCR 8 Berthoud CO 80513	40,040	59.61%

Colorado State Senate, District 16Counties: Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Grand, Jefferson, Summit

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Jeanne Nicholson (DEM) 2400 Golden Gate Canyon Road Black Hawk CO 80422	30,882	50.54%

Colorado State Senate, District 20Counties: Jefferson

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Cheri Jahn (DEM) 3580 High Ct. Wheat Ridge CO 80033	23,238	52.04%

Colorado State Senate, District 22Counties: Jefferson

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Mike Kopp (REP) 10589 W. Raspberry Mtn. Littleton CO 80127	35,155	62.77%

Colorado State Senate, District 24Counties: Adams

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Lois Tochtrop (DEM) 9984 Appletree Place Thornton CO 80260	20,750	54.84%

Colorado State Senate, District 30Counties: Douglas

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Ted Harvey (REP) 3010 Wyecliff Ln. Highlands Ranch CO 80126	46,261	67.15%

Colorado State Senate, District 31Counties: Adams, Denver

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
M. Patrick Steadman (DEM) 1257 Corona St. Denver CO 80218	22,608	67.62%

Colorado State Senate, District 32Counties: Denver, Jefferson

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Chris Romer (DEM) 840 Detroit St. Denver CO 80206	29,772	65.60%

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Colorado State Senate, District 33Counties: Denver

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Mike Johnston (DEM) 2538 Akron St. Denver CO 80238	33,634	82.19%

Colorado State Senate, District 34Counties: Denver

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Lucia Guzman (DEM) 2090 Hooker Street Denver CO 80211	21,273	77.66%

Credentials
Committee

On motion of Senator Morse, and with unanimous consent of the Senate, a committee of three was appointed by the President as the Committee on Credentials. The President appointed Senators Newell, Chair, Steadman, and Renfroe as members of the Committee.

The President announced that the Senate would be in recess so that the Committee on Credentials could meet and prepare its report.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

January 12, 2011

Your Committee on Credentials, to which was referred the list of members of the Senate for the Sixty-eighth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, transmitted by the Secretary of State, begs leave to report that the persons named therein constitute a true and correct list of the members as shown by the election certificates and records in the office of the Secretary of State, and your committee recommends that the list so furnished and read be adopted as the temporary roll call of the Senate of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly of the state of Colorado.

Your Committee on Credentials, to which were referred the documents regarding the vacancy of Senator Chris Romer and the subsequent election of a successor by a vacancy committee, as transmitted by the Secretary of State, begs leave to report that we have made examination and find that the certificate of the Democratic Vacancy Committee for the 32nd Senate District, State of Colorado, naming Irene Aguilar certified by the State of Colorado, is a true, complete, and authentic certificate. Irene Aguilar is entitled to membership in this body pursuant to law in such case made and provided.

Your Committee on Credentials, to which were referred the documents regarding the vacancy of Senator Al White and the subsequent election of a successor by a vacancy committee, as transmitted by the Secretary of State, begs leave to report that we have made examination and find that the certificate of the Republican Vacancy Committee for the 8th Senate District, State of Colorado, naming Jean White, certified by the State of Colorado, is a true, complete, and authentic certificate. Jean White is entitled to membership in this body pursuant to law in such case made and provided.

(signed)
Senator Newell, Chair
Senator Steadman
Senator Renfroe

On motion of Senator Morse, the report of the Committee on Credentials was read and adopted by unanimous consent of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Morse, and with the unanimous consent of the Senate, the President appointed a committee composed of Senators Johnston, Jahn, and Mitchell to wait upon Chief Justice Michael L. Bender of the Colorado Supreme Court and request him to administer the oath of office to the Senators-elect.

The President announced that the Senate would be in recess until the return of the Committee with the Chief Justice Bender.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

Chief Sergeant-at-Arms Philip Brown announced the arrival of the Committee and Chief Justice Bender.

Oath of Office The Chief Justice administered the Oath of Office to the Senators-elect.

Roll Call The roll call of the Senators-elect was called with the following result: Present: -- Aguilar, Brophy, Giron, Grantham, Guzman, Harvey, Jahn, Johnston, King S., Kopp, Lambert, Lundberg, Morse, Nicholson, Renfroe, Roberts, Schwartz, Steadman, Tochtrop, White.

Quorum The President announced a Senate membership of 35 present, 0 absent, and 0 excused and that a quorum was present.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

On motion of Senator Morse, and with the unanimous consent of the Senate, the temporary roll call of the Senate was made the permanent roll call of the Senate.

Election of President On motion of Senator Morse and seconded by Senator Kopp, Senator Brandon C. Shaffer was nominated as President of the Senate.

Senator Morse moved that the nominations for President of the Senate be closed and that a unanimous vote be cast for Senator Brandon C. Shaffer. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Election of President pro tem On motion of Senator Morse and seconded by Senator Kopp, Senator Betty Boyd was nominated as President pro tem of the Senate.

Senator Morse moved that the nominations for President pro tem of the Senate be closed and that a unanimous vote be cast for Senator Betty Boyd. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SR11-001 by Senator Morse; also Representative (None)--Concerning the temporary Rules of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Morse, the resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

YES	35	NO	0	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Aguilar	Y	Guzman	Y	Kopp	Y	Scheffel	Y
Bacon	Y	Harvey	Y	Lambert	Y	Schwartz	Y
Boyd	Y	Heath	Y	Lundberg	Y	Spence	Y
Brophy	Y	Hodge	Y	Mitchell	Y	Steadman	Y
Cadman	Y	Hudak	Y	Morse	Y	Tochtrop	Y
Carroll	Y	Jahn	Y	Newell	Y	White	Y
Foster	Y	Johnston	Y	Nicholson	Y	Williams S.	Y
Giron	Y	King K.	Y	Renfroe	Y	President	Y
Grantham	Y	King S.	Y	Roberts	Y		

SJR11-001 by Senator Morse; also Representative Stephens--Concerning the adoption of the Joint Rules as the temporary Joint Rules of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly.

On motion of Senator Morse, the resolution was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	35	NO	0	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Aguilar	Y	Guzman	Y	Kopp	Y	Scheffel	Y
Bacon	Y	Harvey	Y	Lambert	Y	Schwartz	Y
Boyd	Y	Heath	Y	Lundberg	Y	Spence	Y
Brophy	Y	Hodge	Y	Mitchell	Y	Steadman	Y
Cadman	Y	Hudak	Y	Morse	Y	Tochtrop	Y
Carroll	Y	Jahn	Y	Newell	Y	White	Y
Foster	Y	Johnston	Y	Nicholson	Y	Williams S.	Y
Giron	Y	King K.	Y	Renfroe	Y	President	Y
Grantham	Y	King S.	Y	Roberts	Y		

Election of Secretary On motion of Senator Morse, Cindi Markwell was nominated to serve as Secretary of the Senate during the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Oath of Office The President administered the oath of office to Cindi Markwell as Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Morse, and with the unanimous consent of the Senate, the President appointed Senators Aguilar, Guzman, and White as members of the committee to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

A majority of all members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the motion was **adopted**.

On motion of Senator Morse, and with the unanimous consent of the Senate, the President appointed Senators Giron, Nicholson, and Roberts as members of the committee to notify the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

A majority of all members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the motion was **adopted**.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 12, 2011

Mr. President:

The House has adopted and transmits herewith HJR11-1001, as printed in House Journal, January 12.

The House has adopted and returns herewith SJR11-001

The House has adopted and transmits herewith HJR11-1002, as printed in House Journal, January 12.

Pursuant to the resolution, the Speaker has appointed Representatives Looper, chairman, Ramirez, and D. Williams.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

HJR11-1001 by Representative Stephens; also Senator Morse--Concerning a Joint Session of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly for the purpose of canvassing the votes for certain officials at the election held November 7, 2010.

On motion of Senator Morse, the resolution was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	35	NO	0	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Aguilar	Y	Guzman	Y	Kopp	Y	Scheffel	Y
Bacon	Y	Harvey	Y	Lambert	Y	Schwartz	Y
Boyd	Y	Heath	Y	Lundberg	Y	Spence	Y
Brophy	Y	Hodge	Y	Mitchell	Y	Steadman	Y
Cadman	Y	Hudak	Y	Morse	Y	Tochtrop	Y
Carroll	Y	Jahn	Y	Newell	Y	White	Y
Foster	Y	Johnston	Y	Nicholson	Y	Williams S.	Y
Giron	Y	King K.	Y	Renfroe	Y	President	Y
Grantham	Y	King S.	Y	Roberts	Y		

HJR11-1002 by Representative Stephens; also Senator Morse--Concerning a Joint Session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from His Excellency, Governor John Hickenlooper, and appointing a committee to escort the Governor.

On motion of Senator Morse, the resolution was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	35	NO	0	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Aguilar	Y	Guzman	Y	Kopp	Y	Scheffel	Y
Bacon	Y	Harvey	Y	Lambert	Y	Schwartz	Y
Boyd	Y	Heath	Y	Lundberg	Y	Spence	Y
Brophy	Y	Hodge	Y	Mitchell	Y	Steadman	Y
Cadman	Y	Hudak	Y	Morse	Y	Tochtrop	Y
Carroll	Y	Jahn	Y	Newell	Y	White	Y
Foster	Y	Johnston	Y	Nicholson	Y	Williams S.	Y
Giron	Y	King K.	Y	Renfroe	Y	President	Y
Grantham	Y	King S.	Y	Roberts	Y		

The President appointed Senators Giron, Nicholson, and Roberts to serve on the committee to escort the Governor to the State of the State address.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

January 10, 2011

The Honorable Brandon Shaffer

President of the Senate
 Colorado State Capitol
 200 E. Colfax Ave Room 257
 Denver, CO 80203

Dear President Shaffer,

After further reflection, I make the following appointments concerning majority members, chairs and vice-chairs:

State Affairs

Heath - Chair
 Bacon - Vice Chair
 Boyd

Educaton

Bacon - Chair
 Hudak - Vice Chair
 Heath
 Johnston
 Nicholson

Finance

Johnston - Chair
 Giron - Vice Chair
 Jahn
 Guzman

BLT

Tochtrop - Chair
 Aguilar - Vice Chair
 Williams
 Jahn

HHS

Boyd - Chair
 Newell - Vice Chair
 Carroll
 Aguilar
 Foster

Local Gov't

Foster - Chair
 Nicholson - Vice Chair
 Aguilar

Judiciary

Carroll - Chair
 Guzman - Vice Chair
 Nicholson
 Giron
 Newell

Agriculture

Schwartz - Chair
 Jahn - Vice Chair
 Guzman
 Giron

Transportation

Hudak - Chair
 Williams - Vice Chair
 Schwartz
 Tochtrop

Appropriations

Steadman - Chair
 Hodge - Vice Chair
 Bacon
 Heath
 Giron
 Nicholson

JBC

Hodge
 Steadman

I am happy to answer any questions you may have. I am, as always,

Sincerely yours,
 (signed)
 John P. Morse
 Senate Majority Leader

cc: The Honorable Mike Kopp, Senate Minority Leader
 Dan Cartin, Director of Legislative Legal Services
 Mike Mauer, Executive Director of Legislative Council
 Cindi Markwell, Interim Secretary of the Senate

January 7, 2011

The Honorable Brandon Shaffer
 President of the Senate
 State Capitol
 Denver, CO

Dear Mr. President:

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There are a few committee changes due to the resignation of Senator Al White and our new incoming member, Senator-elect Jean White.

I am pleased to appoint the following senators and senators-elect to serve on **Senate Committees of Reference:**

Agriculture and Natural Resources	Brophy, Grantham, Harvey
Business Affairs, Labor & Technology	Harvey, Mitchell, White
Education	King, K., Renfroe, Spence
Finance	Brophy, King, K., Scheffel
Health and Human Services	Lundberg, Mitchell, Roberts, White
Judiciary	King, S., Lundberg, Roberts, Scheffel
Local Government & Energy	Cadman, Roberts
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs	Cadman, Grantham
Transportation	King, S., Renfroe, Spence
Appropriations	Grantham, Harvey, King, K., Lambert

Sincerely,
(signed)
Mike Kopp
Senate Minority Leader

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Legislative Council Pursuant to Section 2-3-301, C.R.S., the President appointed Senators Shaffer, Boyd, Cadman, Hodge, Kopp, Morse, Nicholson, Renfroe, and Scheffel as members of the Legislative Council Committee.

On motion of Senator Morse, the appointments were confirmed by the following roll call vote:

YES	35	NO	0	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Aguilar	Y	Guzman	Y	Kopp	Y	Scheffel	Y
Bacon	Y	Harvey	Y	Lambert	Y	Schwartz	Y
Boyd	Y	Heath	Y	Lundberg	Y	Spence	Y
Brophy	Y	Hodge	Y	Mitchell	Y	Steadman	Y
Cadman	Y	Hudak	Y	Morse	Y	Tochtrop	Y
Carroll	Y	Jahn	Y	Newell	Y	White	Y
Foster	Y	Johnston	Y	Nicholson	Y	Williams S.	Y
Giron	Y	King K.	Y	Renfroe	Y	President	Y
Grantham	Y	King S.	Y	Roberts	Y		

Legal Services Pursuant to Section 2-3-502, C.R.S., the President appointed Senators Carroll, Morse, Schwartz, Roberts, and Brophy as members of the Committee on Legal Services.

On motion of Senator Morse, the appointments were confirmed by the following roll call vote:

YES	35	NO	0	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Aguilar	Y	Guzman	Y	Kopp	Y	Scheffel	Y
Bacon	Y	Harvey	Y	Lambert	Y	Schwartz	Y
Boyd	Y	Heath	Y	Lundberg	Y	Spence	Y
Brophy	Y	Hodge	Y	Mitchell	Y	Steadman	Y
Cadman	Y	Hudak	Y	Morse	Y	Tochtrop	Y
Carroll	Y	Jahn	Y	Newell	Y	White	Y
Foster	Y	Johnston	Y	Nicholson	Y	Williams S.	Y
Giron	Y	King K.	Y	Renfroe	Y	President	Y
Grantham	Y	King S.	Y	Roberts	Y		

Legislative Audit Pursuant to Section 2-3-101, C.R.S., the President appointed Senators Carroll, Tochtrop, King S., and Renfroe as members of the Legislative Audit Committee.

On motion of Senator Morse, the appointments were confirmed by the following roll call vote:

YES	35	NO	0	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Aguilar	Y	Guzman	Y	Kopp	Y	Scheffel	Y
Bacon	Y	Harvey	Y	Lambert	Y	Schwartz	Y
Boyd	Y	Heath	Y	Lundberg	Y	Spence	Y
Brophy	Y	Hodge	Y	Mitchell	Y	Steadman	Y
Cadman	Y	Hudak	Y	Morse	Y	Tochtrop	Y
Carroll	Y	Jahn	Y	Newell	Y	White	Y
Foster	Y	Johnston	Y	Nicholson	Y	Williams S.	Y
Giron	Y	King K.	Y	Renfroe	Y	President	Y
Grantham	Y	King S.	Y	Roberts	Y		

Capital Development

The President appointed Senators Bacon, Schwartz, and Renfroe as members of the Capital Development Committee.

On motion of Senator Morse, the appointments were confirmed by the following roll call vote:

YES	35	NO	0	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Aguilar	Y	Guzman	Y	Kopp	Y	Scheffel	Y
Bacon	Y	Harvey	Y	Lambert	Y	Schwartz	Y
Boyd	Y	Heath	Y	Lundberg	Y	Spence	Y
Brophy	Y	Hodge	Y	Mitchell	Y	Steadman	Y
Cadman	Y	Hudak	Y	Morse	Y	Tochtrop	Y
Carroll	Y	Jahn	Y	Newell	Y	White	Y
Foster	Y	Johnston	Y	Nicholson	Y	Williams S.	Y
Giron	Y	King K.	Y	Renfroe	Y	President	Y
Grantham	Y	King S.	Y	Roberts	Y		

On motion of Senator Morse, and with the unanimous consent of those elected to the Senate, the Senate stood in recess to hear the opening day remarks of Senate President Brandon C. Shaffer and Minority Leader Mike Kopp. The text of their remarks follows.

Senate in recess.

Remarks of President Shaffer:

Good morning. Welcome to the opening session of the sixty-eighth General Assembly of Colorado.

From my vantage here on the podium I see a Senate which is a remarkable collection of human diversity and talent.

We serve in a Senate of women and men in nearly equal numbers. Women chair seven of the eleven standing committees. We are privileged to have three Latina members - the largest number ever to serve at the same time in the Colorado Senate. And we have the honor of two members of the LGBT community. While this diversity would have been unimaginable to our parents, it is both natural and unremarkable to our children. I am proud to serve with all of you. Today, we need your talent and energy more than ever.

The challenges we face cannot be overstated.

In 2001, the size of our General Fund budget was about \$6.6 billion. Nine years later, in 2010, the size of the General Fund budget was again about \$6.6 billion.

It's not that the General Fund didn't increase over the past 9 years. It did. But as the state has experienced declining revenues caused by the recession, we closed budget shortfalls of over \$4.2 billion – back to 2001 levels.

During the same 9-year period, we saw significant growth in our state's population. The recent census report shows that we grew by almost 17% - the ninth fastest in the nation.

We have over 700,000 new Coloradans: including about 70,000 new students in our K-12 public schools, 35,000 new students in our institutions of higher education, 150,000 new people on our Medicaid roles, and 2,500 new inmates in our prisons. Indeed, we are challenged to do more with less.

Colorado's economy has fared better than some. Our unemployment rate is 8.6%, almost a full point below the national average of 9.4%.

However, these numbers have little meaning to the 229,900 people in our state who are looking for jobs, but are still without work.

And that's why this Legislature will make the tough choices necessary to put Coloradans back to work, create jobs and expand our economy.

During each of the past three years, Democrats and Republicans alike have emphasized economic development and job growth as the cornerstone of their legislative agendas. We have both brought forward proposals that have helped in this regard. For example:

In 2008 we assessed the needs for statewide broadband access laying the foundation for a \$100 million federal grant to create an affordable, statewide broadband network that will provide under-served schools, libraries, colleges and communities with high-speed Internet access.

In 2009 we created the Job Growth Incentive Fund to provide a credit on payroll taxes for businesses that create new jobs in Colorado; since then, companies like DaVita, RePower USA, and the Sierra Nevada Corp. have located their businesses here, bringing hundreds of new jobs with them.

And in 2010 we put the capstone on the New Energy Economy by increasing the state's renewable energy standard and passing the Clean Air Clean Jobs Act; further emphasizing our commitment to technology and innovation, and creating an atmosphere where public-private partnerships - such as the one between NASA and the Colorado Association for Manufacturing and Technology - can thrive.

Because of these proposals and others like them, Colorado is currently rated by Forbes.com as the fourth best state for fostering economic growth; CNBC ranked Colorado the third best state for business; and the American Legislative Exchange Council says Colorado's economic outlook is second best of all 50 states.

While these are encouraging signs, everyone is frustrated by how slowly the economy is turning around. It can be compared to turning an aircraft carrier – it's a big ship and it takes a while to maneuver.

As a former Surface Warfare Officer, I can attest to that. It can take miles to turn a slow moving aircraft carrier. But that only tells part of the story: before you start the turn, you must first secure each aircraft aboard. A modern carrier may carry 80 planes, and just one F/A-18 Super Hornet costs taxpayers \$57 million, so you better get it right. The time, care and preparation taken before throwing the rudder over is more important, more difficult and more time consuming than the actual maneuver itself.

The same is true of our economy. Our recovery will take time, and will require advance care and preparation.

It's here that we have an opportunity. The quality of our work today will determine how fast we recover and the direction for our state for the next century.

And the area where we have the greatest potential for growth - both in human and economic capital - is in our education system.

Kelly Brough, President and CEO of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce recently said, "We rely on our university system to grow our future work force. They are the lifeblood of Colorado's knowledge-based economy."

In a recent Denver Post op-ed she also observed that over 60% of Denver's future jobs will require more than a high school diploma, and that a 1% increase in college graduation rates will return approximately \$1.8 billion to Denver's economy.

A recent analysis of the University of Colorado's economic impact on our state concluded that:

1. For every \$1 of unrestricted state general fund support, CU returns \$40 to the Colorado economy;

2. CU contributes \$6.3 billion to the state's economy annually through its demand for goods and services; and

3. CU is Colorado's fourth-largest employer, with some 26,000 employees, and is responsible for another 30,000 jobs related to the university's endeavors.

Similar statistics and projections hold true for each region of our state and each institution of higher education. For example on the Western Slope, Mesa State College has an estimated impact of \$125.3 million on the regional economy. When both direct and indirect spending is taken into account, the estimate expands to \$225.6 million worth of economic activity.

And in Northern Colorado, Colorado State University, Front Range Community College, University of Northern Colorado, and Aims Community College, together employ more than 9,700 workers and provide an annual payroll in excess of \$400 million.

There is no question, there is no argument and there is no doubt: education equals jobs. An educated workforce attracts business and a healthy business climate is the foundation for a high quality-of-life for every Coloradan.

Colorado is quickly moving from a "New Energy Economy" to a "Knowledge-Based Economy" where a strong educational system is an economic imperative.

As we head into a session where we are staring down the barrel of millions of dollars of cuts to our K-12 and higher education systems, we must consciously prioritize education first as we consider every bill that comes before the legislature.

Today I designate the Knowledge-Based Economy Fund as Senate Bill 1. Senator Bob Bacon will be its prime sponsor and it will create an account to set funds aside throughout this session and dedicate them specifically to education funding.

I challenge each of you to view this session through the Knowledge-Based Economy lens. If your goal is to shrink the size of government - to eliminate programs and root out wasteful government spending - let me help you. Let me help you identify those programs that don't make sense, those functions of government that can be done more efficiently and less expensively, and let me help you redirect the funds currently being wasted to a higher cause: our Knowledge-Based Economy.

If your objective is to ensure Colorado's government is an effective partner with the private sector; a partner that empowers the private sector; a partner that creates an environment where private industry flourishes and thrives; a partner that encourages businesses to locate and relocate here, creating jobs and opportunities for the future; then, again, let me help you. Let's do it together by finding resources in our budget to reduce cuts to our Knowledge-Based Economy.

In an economic climate where we will face enormous challenges, we must fuel the Knowledge-Based Economy with human capital that will help us turn this ship of state toward more prosperous times.

I'm often asked how we will move forward, especially in light of recent changes in the balance of power here at the Capitol. My standard response is, "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

Last session the General Assembly considered 649 bills and passed 458 of them to the Governor. Of those that passed, 36% had both Democratic and Republican "prime" sponsors; 79% had bipartisan "co-sponsors."

We demonstrated that we know how to work together and that's exactly what the people of Colorado want us to do.

This session, we have an opportunity to do more of the same. We have already established the bipartisan Joint Select Committee on Redistricting.

We also have opportunities to tackle health care reform as we consider health insurance exchanges – a requirement of the federal health care legislation, but also a recommendation that came out of the 208 Commission on health care reform appointed by Republican Governor Bill Owens.

We can also make bipartisan progress on Constitutional reform – ending ballot initiative warfare while protecting the rights of Coloradans to petition their government.

And cost recovery audits – Ensuring we get what we inspect, not just what we expect from government agencies is yet another area where we can work together.

We can continue our progress on reforming our child welfare system to ensure the most vulnerable among us are safe from abuse and exploitation.

These are just a few areas that are ripe for bipartisan cooperation and success. There are many, many others and it is our responsibility to focus our attention on these areas of common ground to get things done during this session.

It won't be easy and we will make many tough decisions. But, the human spirit can power over adversity.

As Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

By acting collectively we will triumph over formidable odds. This is no time to resist an answer because we don't like the messenger. This is no time to reject solutions because they come with a liberal or conservative label. It is no time for the personal prerogatives of partisan politics.

It is time to restore confidence of the people of Colorado that we can govern. It is time to embrace solutions tested by intellectual rigor and common sense, solutions crafted in compromise, solutions that benefit the well-being of our people.

It is my hope this General Assembly can act to make Colorado a better community for every section and sector of this great state, for every community of interest and for every political philosophy.

This is the hope of the people of Colorado, this is their direction and these are their needs. We must do no less on their behalf.

President Shaffer recognized Minority Leader Senator Mike Kopp to address the Senate.

Remarks of Minority Leader Kopp:

Mr. President, Mr. Majority Leader, Senate Colleagues, honored guests, thank you for allowing me the honor of taking a few moments to express my thoughts about the momentous legislative session before us – and more broadly, to try and express a few of the sentiments of the Republican caucus.

It is heartwarming as always to see the family members and special friends who have given so graciously of their time to mark this first legislative day with us. To you, a special thank you.

I'd like to also welcome the new senators. Democrat Senators Irene Aguilar, Angela Giron, Lucia Guzman, and Jeanne Nicholson. And joining the Republican team this year, we have Senators Kevin Grantham and Kent Lambert from southern Colorado, and representing our west slope delegation, we welcome Senators Steve King, Ellen Roberts and Jean White. Congratulations to all of you.

And finally, if you will allow me a small indulgence: to my kids who are here, Meghan, Ethan and Allie-Grace, you are the reason I am here, and I'm glad you could pry yourselves away from school to come. And Soren, if you're watching, I'll see you soon little buddy. But mostly, I want to say to my beautiful wife, Kimberly, it means the world to have you here today. To me, your courage, grace and dignity shine like heaven's brightest.

First things first, we elected a Democrat, again, to be our Senate President. You know, President Shaffer, if you really wanted to be bipartisan, you could pass the gavel to one of the Republicans in the chamber for the session. I'd do the same for you.

But in all seriousness, Mr. President, you have been re-elected to preside over the senate. This speaks highly of you and your abilities. I congratulate you, as do the Republican senators seated in this room. Together, we will take on some remarkable challenges. So I'd like to publicly commend you for working to open a productive dialogue between us. Being both constructive and good-humored when we reach impasse will insure that we live up to the obligations of the office of senator.

Speaking of those obligations, I must confess, I did think – briefly – of moving a motion to

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publicly read the Colorado Constitution at the start of the session, but then decided we could not afford to go into the special session that would be required to finish our business if we did that. Although, a veteran lawmaker once taught me that senators should make time each session, to sit at their desks in this chamber, and read through it as often as possible. It's a good challenge for all of us to become conversant in our state's highest law.

Now, what about the 120 days ahead of us? When it comes to predicting what the 68th General Assembly will look like, most people recognize the steepness of the mountains we must climb if we are going to do right by our charge and the people of the state who have placed their trust in us. But that's okay. In a state with 53 "14ers", it seems fitting to think of our challenges in this way.

And isn't it challenge after all, that draws the best out of leaders? I like John F. Kennedy's words on the subject: "The problems of the world cannot possibly be solved by skeptics or cynics whose horizons are limited by the obvious realities. We need men who can dream of things that never were."

So what mountains must we climb, and how do Senate Republicans propose to do it?

First, we must reignite economic growth in Colorado.

Republicans are interested in taking bold and constructive leadership in rebuilding and supercharging our state's economy. We must create an atmosphere where businesses of all kind, not just a favored few, are made welcome by government at all levels.

For Republicans, this means above all, that Colorado's government must build a low tax policy framework. Getting there will require some teamwork from both sides of the aisle. We ask for you and your caucus, Mr. President, to join us in a conversation about ways that we can begin the reinstating the critical tax incentives that were eliminated just last year. These have cost jobs and caused companies to leave the state, and we ask for your help in reversing this trend.

And we ask our Democratic colleagues to re-engage our shared interest in eliminating the onerous business personal property tax. Let's move from interest to action in this legislative session. And let's go a step further still by considering other ways that we might promote a low tax and fee policy.

Finally, on the subject of taxation, I would make a final request in most direct terms. Please join us in keeping whole the taxpayer protections in the Constitution. Colorado citizens rightly demand that they have the right to vote on tax increases. We must end the marginalization of this right. And practically, we should recognize that the restraint that the Taxpayer Bill of Rights has brought to government spending has served to forestall even more serious budgeting problems.

I believe that taking these bold steps would send a clear signal to that Colorado businessman or woman out there, that making that capital investment, and hiring that additional employee, just might make sense again.

Let us also join forces to reform our regulatory systems. Let us lead the state in achieving focused and far-reaching reform of any outdated, overly complicated and costly business regulations and rules. Let's commit to abolishing any incentive that regulators may have to exact heavy penalties. For Republicans, we have set the goal of achieving a 15% reduction in the compliance costs borne by regulated businesses in our state.

Members of the Republican caucus have already been working directly with regulated businesses across the state. We ask Senate Democrats as well as Governor Hickenlooper to do this economy-stimulating work with us. There is more than enough to go around. The work we have done, can become the senate's work, not just the Republicans. Let's do this together and next year at this time, we can celebrate our shared successes, measured in Colorado job growth.

And let us also commit to the job creators in Colorado that we aim to not just build, but to sustain a lean, predictable, and stable regulatory environment. Let ours become the envy of the nation and a ray of opportunity even in difficult times.

Our next great challenge, of course, concerns the state budget.

I believe that the times demand that we reduce the cost, size and complexity of Colorado's government. We must fundamentally re-envision the way we deliver on the critical services of a well-functioning government. This work can no longer be put off. It has been thrust upon us by a slow economy.

Let's jointly design a budget architecture that reflects clear priorities for spending. 1
 · In this way we will insure that our children are educated and taught in safe classrooms 2
 and innovative schools where the achievement gap is finally made a thing of the past. 3
 · We will be able to envision a way to make real mobility improvements on the I-70 4
 corridor and on the rest of the transportation grid. 5
 · We can make needed improvements in public safety programs like increasing wildfire 6
 mitigation efforts on the West Slope and Front Range, and broadening Peter Groff's 7
 program in the state patrol that clamps down on illegal immigration, 8
 · And we will be certain that we'll be able to provide a cost-contained, accountable, and 9
 basic safety net for the most vulnerable among us. 10

And as we endeavor to do this, let us join together in demonstrating a surprising new 11
 regard for spending discipline. Also, let us no longer rely upon the excesses of a 12
 spendthrift federal government to get us through the next tough time. 13
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And as we do these things, let's not forget about the family. It won't surprise you that I 16
 think Ronald Reagan had it right when he observed that "All great change in America 17
 begins at the dinner table." It's good to remind ourselves from time to time, that strong 18
 families make great neighborhoods, churches, synagogues, and in turn, great local 19
 communities. 20

In these places, lending a hand in times of need, pointing to great hopes on distant 21
 horizons, practicing and modeling compassion, loving children and showing them the way 22
 that they should walk – these are all just parts of everyday life. And, while Colorado's 23
 political leaders want the best for its citizens, it's healthy and appropriate to acknowledge 24
 the shortcomings of any government, and that the real promise for a brighter tomorrow is 25
 carried about in the hearts of our families. 26
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Together, we can answer the call of the people of Colorado and accomplish these 29
 objectives if we are willing to build bridges of partnership. 30

Building such bridges seems to be unnatural in politics. It requires civility, more than a 31
 little humor, and a willingness to be constructive even while maintaining one's own closely 32
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Beyond that, it requires that our only non-negotiables become those of the people of 36
 Colorado, and not our political parties. 37
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So, borrowing a line from Dick Morris, I'd like to say to the citizens in our state who are 39
 suspicious that something must be in the water here in the capitol that makes us think and 40
 behave the way we do. I therefore pledge to boil all drinking water in this building in order 41
 to kill the bugs of bad judgment. And, Mr. President, since I'm providing the boiled water, 42
 I might as well give you a teabag to put in it. And don't worry, it's not from Boston, it's 43
 from Boulder. Celestial Seasonings. I got you the Tension Tamer. 44
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In closing, I'd like to say to the citizens of Colorado, thank you again for entrusting your 46
 government to our leadership and judgment. May God bless you and bless our efforts here 47
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 Senate reconvened.

On motion of Senator Morse, and with the unanimous consent of those elected to the 51
 Senate, the remarks of President Shaffer and Minority Leader Kopp were ordered spread 52
 upon the pages of the journal. 53
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 Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -- FIRST READING

The following bills were read by title and referred to the committees indicated: 57
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SB11-001 by Senator(s) Bacon, Shaffer B.; also Representative(s) Kerr A.--Concerning funding for 63
 public education, and, in connection therewith, creating the knowledge-based economy 64
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SB11-002	by Senator(s) Carroll, Mitchell, Tochtrop; also Representative(s) Kerr J., Miklosi-- Concerning the low-income telephone assistance program. Business, Labor and Technology	3 4 5 6 7
SB11-003	by Senator(s) Spence; --Concerning the creation of a special license plate for Craig hospital. Transportation	8 9 10
SB11-004	by Senator(s) Guzman, Steadman; also Representative(s) Pabon--Concerning crimes against homeless persons, and making an appropriation therefor. Judiciary	11 12 13 14
SB11-005	by Senator(s) Bacon; also Representative(s) Massey--Concerning benefit corporations. Business, Labor and Technology	15 16 17
SB11-006	by Senator(s) Lundberg; --Concerning the development of an alternative medical assistance program for the elderly. Health and Human Services	18 19 20 21
SB11-007	by Senator(s) Grantham; also Representative(s) Becker--Concerning the responsibility for the prosecution of a person who is charged with failure to register as a sex offender. Judiciary	22 23 24 25
SB11-008	by Senator(s) Boyd; also Representative(s) Gerou--Concerning aligning medicaid eligibility for children. Health and Human Services	26 27 28 29
SB11-009	by Senator(s) Steadman, Guzman; also Representative(s) Fischer--Concerning procedural requirements for payment of costs related to impounded animals. Judiciary	30 31 32 33
SB11-010	by Senator(s) Tochtrop; --Concerning the trade readjustment allowance program. Business, Labor and Technology	34 35 36
SB11-011	by Senator(s) Giron; also Representative(s) Fischer--Concerning the granting of voting rights to nonvoting members of the board of governors of the Colorado state university system. Education	37 38 39 40 41
SB11-012	by Senator(s) Brophy; --Concerning a public school student's authority to possess prescription medications at school. Education	42 43 44 45
SB11-013	by Senator(s) Newell; also Representative(s) Lee--Concerning the use of alternative dispute resolution practices. Judiciary	46 47 48 49
SB11-014	by Senator(s) Jahn; --Concerning the use of a video display while driving a motor vehicle. Transportation	50 51 52
SB11-015	by Senator(s) Foster; also Representative(s) Miklosi--Concerning the requirements for a homeowner's insurance company to take adverse action on existing insurance coverage for a home based on claims experience. Local Government and Energy	53 54 55 56 57
SB11-016	by Senator(s) Grantham; --Concerning increases in the amounts allocated to certain family members during the administration of a decedent's estate. Judiciary	58 59 60 61
SB11-017	by Senator(s) Tochtrop, Carroll, Mitchell; also Representative(s) Miklosi, McNulty-- Concerning a requirement that certain incidents involving anhydrous ammonia used as agricultural fertilizer be reported to the department of agriculture. Agriculture and Natural Resources	62 63 64 65 66
SB11-018	by Senator(s) Harvey; also Representative(s) Holbert--Concerning a requirement to provide proof of citizenship to register to vote. State, Veterans & Military Affairs	67 68 69 70
SB11-019	by Senator(s) King K.; also Representative(s) Stephens--Concerning payment of the costs of health insurance coverage to employees of small employers.	71 72

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SB11-020	by Senator(s) Morse; --Concerning the authorization of certain employees of the department of law as peace officers.	3
	Judiciary	4
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SB11-021	by Senator(s) Nicholson; also Representative(s) Looper--Concerning the removal of term limits for members of the water and wastewater facility operators certification board.	7
	Agriculture and Natural Resources	8
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SB11-022	by Senator(s) Brophy; --Concerning daylight saving time as the standard year-round time within the state.	11
	Agriculture and Natural Resources	12
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SB11-023	by Senator(s) Lambert, Cadman, Harvey, Hodge, King K., Kopp, Lundberg, Renfroe, Steadman; also Representative(s) Priola, Acree, Baumgardner, Becker, Ferrandino, Gardner B., Holbert, Joshi, Kerr J., Looper, Sonnenberg, Szabo--Concerning the use of a state-owned motor vehicle for commuting.	15
	Transportation	16
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SB11-024	by Senator(s) King K.; also Representative(s) Looper--Concerning free state parks admission for veterans, and, in connection therewith, establishing free admission on a specified day each year for veterans and free state parks admission for members of the United States armed services wounded warrior programs who have sustained severe combat-related injuries while serving in post-September 11, 2001, overseas contingency operations.	21
	State, Veterans & Military Affairs	22
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SB11-025	by Senator(s) Carroll; also Representative(s) Ferrandino--Concerning accountability for state procurement, and, in connection therewith, enacting the "Colorado Taxpayer Empowerment Act of 2011".	29
	Finance	30
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SB11-026	by Senator(s) Scheffel; also Representative(s) Holbert--Concerning a property tax exemption for business personal property first used in a business in a future property tax year.	34
	Finance	35
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SB11-027	by Senator(s) King S.; --Concerning the Colorado economic stability fund, and, in connection therewith, creating the fund and specifying the conditions under which moneys must be transferred to and may be expended from the fund.	39
	State, Veterans & Military Affairs	40
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SB11-028	by Senator(s) Schwartz; also Representative(s) Coram--Concerning the number of judges in certain judicial districts.	44
	Judiciary	45
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SB11-029	by Senator(s) Hudak; also Representative(s) Summers--Concerning certain annual reports of the state board of land commissioners.	48
	Education	49
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SB11-030	by Senator(s) Renfroe; also Representative(s) DelGrosso--Concerning a requirement that energy utilities disclose costs associated with customers' utility bills.	52
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SB11-031	by Senator(s) Cadman; also Representative(s) Looper--Concerning motor vehicles valued as collector's items for historical reasons.	56
	Transportation	57
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SB11-032	by Senator(s) Johnston; --Concerning a requirement that the public utilities commission promulgate rules to establish an on-bill financing program for clean energy improvements to real property.	60
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SB11-033	by Senator(s) Kopp; also Representative(s) Kerr J.--Concerning the honor and remember flag.	65
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SB11-034	by Senator(s) Nicholson; also Representative(s) Summers--Concerning requiring an educator who provides services through the women, infants, and children program to report child abuse or neglect.	69
	Health and Human Services	70
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- SB11-035** by Senator(s) Roberts, Grantham, King S.; also Representative(s) Coram, Brown--
Concerning a prohibition on transfers to the state general fund from cash funds that have
revenue related to the severance of minerals in the state.
State, Veterans & Military Affairs

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- SB11-037** by Senator(s) Heath; --Concerning the creation of a world war II special license plate.
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- SB11-038** by Senator(s) Mitchell; --Concerning the prohibition of official state recognition of certain
activities of employee organizations for the benefit of state employees.
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**MEMORANDUM
REPORT FROM THE HOUSE AND SENATE
COMMITTEES ON DELAYED BILLS**

Pursuant to Joint Rule 23 (c), the House and Senate Committees on Delayed Bills, acting jointly, extend the following deadlines:

Early introduction deadline for House bills:
The Monday, January 17 deadline (the 6th legislative day) for the introduction of the two remaining House bills requested prior to the December 1 bill request deadline is extended until Tuesday, January 18, 2011 (the 7th legislative day).

Last bill request deadline for the House and Senate:
The Monday, January 17 deadline (the 6th legislative day) for all remaining bill requests to the Office of Legislative Legal Services is extended until Tuesday, January 18, 2011 (the 7th legislative day).

This memorandum shall be printed in the journal of each house as is required by said Joint Rule 23 (c).

(signed)
Representative McNulty
Speaker of the House of Representatives

(signed)
Senator Shaffer
President of the Senate

(signed)
Representative Stephens
House Majority Leader

(signed)
Senator Morse
Senate Majority Leader

(signed)
Representative Pace
House Minority Leader

(signed)
Senator Kopp
Senate Minority Leader

TRIBUTES

Honoring:

- Kathy Williams -- By Senator Hudak.
- The Durango High School Aerospace Design Team -- By Senator Whitehead.
- T. J. Trump -- By Senator Whitehead.
- Jared W. Lee -- By Senator Schultheis.
- Leo M. Slade -- By Senator Tochtrop.
- Mayor Bill Stirling -- By Senator Schwartz.
- Kristi Ekern -- By Senator Shaffer.
- Scott Brungardt -- By Senator Shaffer.
- Patricia Loeblein -- By Senator Shaffer.
- Erin Mayer -- By Senator Shaffer.
- Amelia Hankla -- By Senator Shaffer.

Austin Lin -- By Senator Shaffer.	1
Colorado Bike Week -- By Senator Gibbs.	2
Nancy Morehead -- By Senator Boyd and Representatives Ferrandino and Carroll T.	3
Colin Michael Patterson -- By Senator Carroll.	4
The Colorado Aloha Festival -- By Senator Kester.	5
The Honorable Terry Ruckriegle -- By Senator Gibbs.	6
Bradford Intermediate School -- By Senator Kopp.	7
Conifer High School -- By Senator Kopp.	8
Montessori Peaks Academy Homeschool -- By Senator Kopp.	9
Marsha Roman -- By Senator Kopp.	10
Harrison Smith -- By Senator Kopp.	11
Cody Arnold -- By Senator Penry.	12
Hulstrom Options K-8 -- By Senator Tochtrop.	13
Christian A. Stout -- By Senator Bacon.	14
Brian Joseph Bush -- By Senator Kopp.	15
Andrew Marie Bird & John Van Ta -- By Senator Carroll.	16
Brant Crossan -- By Senator White.	17
Andy Potts -- By Senator Shaffer.	18
Timothy DeBoom -- By Senator Shaffer.	19
Chris McDonald -- By Senator Shaffer.	20
Michael Lovato -- By Senator Shaffer.	21
Ben Hoffman -- By Senator Shaffer.	22
Tim Hola -- By Senator Shaffer.	23
Curt Chesney -- By Senator Shaffer.	24
Justin Daerr -- By Senator Shaffer.	25
Steve Johnson -- By Senator Shaffer.	26
Robert Killian -- By Senator Kopp.	27
Douglas MacLean -- By Senator Shaffer.	28
Steve Richard -- By Senator Shaffer.	29
William Poteet -- By Senator Shaffer.	30
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Brett Sublett -- By Senator Shaffer.	37
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Sandy Cranny -- By Senator Shaffer.	62
Will Flanagan -- By Senator Shaffer.	63
Julian Rossi -- By Senator Shaffer.	64
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Gregory Berryman -- By Senator Shaffer.	72

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Kirk MacDonald -- By Senator Shaffer.	8
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Tyler Butterfield -- By Senator Shaffer.	10
Julie Dibens -- By Senator Shaffer.	11
Tricia Downing -- By Senator Shaffer.	12
Taylor Dudley -- By Senator Shaffer.	13
Kevin Koch -- By Senator Shaffer.	14
John Lloyd -- By Senator Shaffer.	15
Brock Prime -- By Senator Shaffer.	16
Brian Schaning -- By Senator Shaffer.	17
Michael Weiss -- By Senator Shaffer.	18
Chrissie Wellington -- By Senator Shaffer.	19
Samson Gideon Morales -- By Senator Hodge.	20
John Ahern -- By Senator Kopp.	21
James Dean Beatty -- By The Colorado State Senate.	22
Anne Jacobs -- By Senator Williams.	23
Joaquin Gallegos -- By Senator Williams.	24
Sarah Hernandez -- By Senator Williams.	25
Raelene Whiteshield -- By Senator Williams.	26
Madeline Anna -- By Senator Williams.	27
Ursula Running Bear -- By Senator Williams.	28
Raymond Foxworth -- By Senator Williams.	29
Amanda Campbell -- By Senator Williams.	30
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Darryl Becenti -- By Senator Williams.	32
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Richard Lawson Meyer -- By Senator Scheffel.	34
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Jasmine Jefferson -- By Senator Williams.	38
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April Robinson -- By Senator Williams.	40
Amanda Saint -- By Senator Williams.	41
Shetera Sheard -- By Senator Williams.	42
Jessica Smiley -- By Senator Williams.	43
Harmonie Taylor -- By Senator Williams.	44
Brittney Toy -- By Senator Williams.	45
Kayla Wooley -- By Senator Williams.	46
Mike Bandera -- By Senator Grantham.	47
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On motion of Senator Morse, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 13, 2011.	52
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