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Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Prayer	By the chaplain, Pastor Eugene Downing, New Hope Baptist Church, Denver.	10
Presentation of Colors	By Colorado National Guard Color Guard, Buckley AFB.	11
Pledge of Allegiance	By Sgt. Ron McKay, representing the 101st Army Band of the Colorado Army National Guard.	12
Musical Presentations	By Isaac Slade, lead singer of the band The Fray, singing "The Star-Spangled Banner", and by soprano Meagan Mahlberg, singing "America the Beautiful".	13
Call to Order	The hour of 10:00 a.m. having arrived, the Senate of the 70th General Assembly of the State of Colorado, pursuant to law, was called to order by Senator Bill L. Cadman, President of the Senate of the 70th General Assembly, State of Colorado.	14
Roll Call	Present--35	15
Quorum	The President announced a quorum present.	16

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

November 13, 2015

Mr. John McKay
Acting Secretary
Colorado Senate
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Secretary:

For the past 11 years, it has been my profound honor to serve the people of Colorado in the General Assembly. Having passed dozens of bills and cast thousands of votes, I always tried to listen to all sides on every issue.

First and foremost, I want to express my deep appreciation to my wife, Karen for all the sacrifices that she has made to allow me to serve.

Through 5 campaigns and several off years, I personally have knocked on over 130,000 doors in Arapahoe County and loved playing with thousands of dogs. As an Army veteran, I appreciate all the veterans I've met at the door and all the military stories they shared. I especially want to thank the Viet Nam vets who have been tragically under-thanked by our nation.

With the struggles confronting working families trying to make ends meet, I worked diligently as the Chair of the Senate Business, Labor & Technology Committee for a prosperous and fair business climate in Colorado.

As Co-Chair of the Colorado Legislative Animal Welfare (CLAW) Caucus, I enjoyed working with legislators from both parties to pass meaningful animal protection laws. Most notably, I want to reiterate my appreciation to law enforcement leaders for helping me write and pass the Dog Protection Act to safeguard our beloved dogs. The Dog Protection Act provides detailed training to prepare police officers to handle all types of dog encounters without resorting to lethal force.

Nevertheless, family responsibilities must take priority now. After prayer and deliberation, I offer my resignation from the Colorado Senate effective Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 11:59 PM.

I have been truly blessed to work with so many exceptional leaders on both sides of the aisle over my tenure as a citizen legislator. Please remember to BE AS GOOD AS YOUR DOG!

Respectfully,
(signed)
Senator David Balmer

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE

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

I, Wayne W. Williams, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on January 2, 2016 by the Republican 27th Senate District Vacancy Committee, appointing John Allen Tate to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State Senate, District 27, caused by the resignation of the honorable David Balmer.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this fourth day of January 2016.

(signed)
Wayne W. Williams
Secretary of State

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

I, Wayne W. Williams, Secretary of State, certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of the Acceptance of Nomination by Vacancy Committee as filed in this office on January 2, 2016 by John Allen, accepting the appointment of the Republican 27th Senate District Vacancy Committee to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State Senate, District, 27, caused by the resignation of the honorable David Balmer.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this fourth day of January 2016.

(signed)
Wayne W. Williams
Secretary of State

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(NOTE: On Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 11:30 a.m., Senator Tate of Centennial was sworn in to the Seventieth General Assembly as Senator for Senate District 27 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Senator David Balmer. Chief Justice Nancy E. Rice administered the oath of office in the Chamber of the Senate.)

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Election of Secretary

On motion of Majority Leader Scheffel, Effie Ameen was nominated to serve as Secretary of the Senate during the Second Regular Session of the Seventieth General Assembly. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Oath of Office

The President administered the oath of office to Effie Ameen as Secretary of the Senate.

Temporary Rules

On motion of Majority Leader Scheffel, and with the unanimous consent of the Senate, the rules of the Senate of the first regular session of the seventieth General Assembly were made the temporary rules of the Second Regular Session of the Seventieth General Assembly.

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

On motion of Majority Leader Scheffel, and with the unanimous consent of the Senate, the President appointed Senators Lundberg, Tate, and Hodge 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 declared **adopted**.

On motion of Majority Leader Scheffel, and with the unanimous consent of the Senate, the President appointed Senators Roberts, Martinez Humenik, and Johnston 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 declared **adopted**.

Senate in recess.

Musical Presentation

By Sgt. Ron McKay, representing the 101st Army Band of the Colorado Army National Guard, singing "God Bless America".

Senate reconvened.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SJR16-001 by Senator(s) Scheffel, Cadman, Guzman; also Representative(s) Court, Moreno, Conti, Coram--Concerning the officers and employees of the Second Regular Session of the Seventieth General Assembly.

On motion of Majority Leader Scheffel, the resolution was **adopted** by the following roll call vote:

YES	35	NO	0	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Aguilar	Y	Heath	Y	Lambert	Y	Scott	Y
Baumgardner	Y	Hill	Y	Lundberg	Y	Sonnenberg	Y
Carroll	Y	Hodge	Y	Marble	Y	Steadman	Y
Cooke	Y	Holbert	Y	Martinez Humenik	Y	Tate	Y
Crowder	Y	Jahn	Y	Merrifield	Y	Todd	Y
Donovan	Y	Johnston	Y	Neville T.	Y	Ulibarri	Y
Garcia	Y	Jones	Y	Newell	Y	Woods	Y
Grantham	Y	Kefalas	Y	Roberts	Y	President	Y
Guzman	Y	Kerr	Y	Scheffel	Y		

SR16-001 by Senator(s) Scheffel, Cadman, Guzman; --Concerning the appointment of officers and employees for the Senate convened in the Second Regular Session of the Seventieth General Assembly.

Laid over one day under Senate Rule 30(c).

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

January 5, 2015

Mr. Mike Mauer
Director, Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax, Rm 029
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Mauer,

I am appointing Senator Jack Tate to replace Senator David Balmer on the Senate Business, Labor and Technology Committee and the Senate Local Government Committee.

These appointments are effective immediately.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Mark Scheffel
Senate Majority Leader

January 5, 2015

Mr. Mike Mauer
Director, Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax, Rm 029
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Mauer,

I am appointing Senator Chris Holbert to serve as Chair of the Senate Business, Labor and Technology Committee. I am appointing Senator Laura Woods to serve as Vice Chair of the Senate Business, Labor and Technology Committee.

This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,

(signed)
Mark Scheffel
Senate Majority Leader

January 5, 2015

Mr. Mike Mauer
Director, Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax, Rm 029
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Mauer,

I am appointing Senator Larry Crowder to serve as Vice Chair of the Senate Local Government Committee.

This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Mark Scheffel
Senate Majority Leader

November 30, 2015

Mr. Mike Mauer
Executive Director
Office of Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax Ave., Rm. 029
Denver, CO 80203

Mr. Mike Mauer:

Please be advised that I am appointing Senator Irene Aguilar to replace Senator Lucia Guzman on the Judiciary Committee effective December 1, 2015.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Lucia Guzman
Senate Minority Leader

Cc: The Honorable Bill L. Cadman, Senate President
The Honorable Mark Scheffel, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Dickey Lee Hullinghorst, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Brian DeGrosso, House Minority Leader
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate
Marilyn Eddins, Clerk of the House
Dan Cartin, Director of OLLS
Susan Liddle

November 30, 2015

Mr. Mike Mauer
Executive Director
Office of Legislative Council
200 E. Colfax Ave., Rm. 029
Denver, CO 80203

Mr. Mike Mauer:

Please be advised that I am appointing Senator LeRoy Garcia to replace Senator Rollie Heath on the Appropriations Committee effective December 1, 2015.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Lucia Guzman
Senate Minority Leader

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 The Honorable Brian DelGrosso, House Minority Leader 4
 Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate 5
 Marilyn Eddins, Clerk of the House 6
 Dan Cartin, Director of OLLS 7
 Susan Liddle 8

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Mr. Mike Mauer 10
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Mr. Mike Mauer: 15

Please be advised that I am appointing Senator Mary Hodge to replace Senator Irene Aguilar on the Business Labor and Technology Committee effective December 1, 2015. 16

Sincerely, 17
 (signed) 18
 Lucia Guzman 19
 Senate Minority Leader 20

Cc: The Honorable Bill L. Cadman, Senate President 21
 The Honorable Mark Scheffel, Senate Majority Leader 22
 The Honorable Dickey Lee Hullinghorst, Speaker of the House of Representatives 23
 The Honorable Brian DelGrosso, House Minority Leader 24
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 Dan Cartin, Director of OLLS 27
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Mr. Mike Mauer 30
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Dear Mr. Mauer: 35

Pursuant to **C.R.S. 2-3-101**, I am appointing Senator Morgan Carroll to the **Legislative Audit Committee** effective immediately. 36

Sincerely, 37
 (signed) 38
 Bill L. Cadman 39
 Senate President 40
 Colorado Senate 41

cc: The Honorable Mark Scheffel, Senate Majority Leader 42
 The Honorable Lucia Guzman, Senate Minority Leader 43
 The Honorable Dickey Lee Hullinghorst, Speaker of the House of Representatives 44
 The Honorable Brian DelGrosso, House Minority Leader 45
 Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate 46
 Marilyn Eddins, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives 47
 Mike Mauer, Legislative Council 48
 Dan Cartin, Office of Legislative Legal Services 49

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January 5, 2016

Mr. Mike Mauer
Executive Director
Legislative Council
200 East Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Mauer:

Pursuant to **C.R.S. 2-3-1702**, I am appointing Senator Jack Tate to the **Joint Technology Committee** effective immediately.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Bill L. Cadman
Senate President
Colorado Senate

cc: The Honorable Mark Scheffel, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Lucia Guzman, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Dickey Lee Hullinghorst, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Brian DelGrosso, House Minority Leader
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate
Marilyn Eddins, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Mike Mauer, Legislative Council
Dan Cartin, Office of Legislative Legal Services

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Legislative Audit Pursuant to Section 2-3-101, C.R.S., the President appointed Senator Carroll as a member of the Legislative Audit Committee.

Majority Leader Scheffel moved that the appointment to the Legislative Audit Committee be confirmed.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 13, 2016

Mr. President:

The House has adopted and transmits herewith HJR16-1001.
Pursuant to the resolution, the Speaker has appointed Representatives Buckner, chairman, Salazar, and Landgraf.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

HJR16-1001 by Representative(s) Duran, Hullinghorst, DelGrosso; also Senator(s) Scheffel, Cadman, Guzman--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 Majority Leader Scheffel, the resolution was **adopteds** by the following roll call vote:

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YES	35	NO	0	EXCUSED	0	ABSENT	0
Aguilar	Y	Heath	Y	Lambert	Y	Scott	Y
Baumgardner	Y	Hill	Y	Lundberg	Y	Sonnenberg	Y
Carroll	Y	Hodge	Y	Marble	Y	Steadman	Y
Cooke	Y	Holbert	Y	Martinez Humenik	Y	Tate	Y
Crowder	Y	Jahn	Y	Merrifield	Y	Todd	Y
Donovan	Y	Johnston	Y	Neville T.	Y	Ulibarri	Y
Garcia	Y	Jones	Y	Newell	Y	Woods	Y
Grantham	Y	Kefalas	Y	Roberts	Y	President	Y
Guzman	Y	Kerr	Y	Scheffel	Y		

The President appointed Senators Baumgardner and Steadman to serve on the committee to escort the Governor to the State of the State Address.

On motion of Majority Leader Scheffel, 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 Bill L. Cadman and Minority Leader Lucia Guzman. The text of their remarks follow.

Senate in recess.

Remarks of President Cadman:

Isn't it great to be back in this beautiful chamber, again for the first time. Some of us had a preview of working in here last week when Jack Tate was sworn in as a state senator.

We all take an oath of office before we are "seated" at these desks. This is usually after a general election. I have now taken the oath of office 7 times. I took a similar oath in the Army, over 30 years ago.

This oath means a lot to me. It has meant something special every time I have taken it. I know it means something to each of you.

I still get Goosebumps when I say it.

I Bill Cadman do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Colorado and faithfully perform the duties of the office of state senator to which I was duly elected, to the best of my abilities, so help me God.

We don't just recite it like a school poem. The oath is administered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Hopefully, it's the only time we will ever be on her docket.

This oath has always had special meaning to me, and a few months ago that meaning was greatly enhanced.

This happened in a place called Gettysburg. If you have not been there, you must get there. If you have been there, you probably understand. Gettysburg, where in perhaps the three most bloody and courageous days in our nation's history, two American armies fought for conflicting dreams. - This was well summarized by author Michael Shara.

The experience of being in Gettysburg deepened my understanding of the price paid by our forefathers for the lives we enjoy in this country and this state. As Senator Scheffel and I stood in the middle of that great battlefield, the solemn purpose of that encounter and that war was truly manifest before our eyes.

The soldiers who died there were not fighting for kings, or land, or personal possessions...they were fighting for each other, they were fighting for freedom. They were fighting for a place where no man had to bow. A place where a man could stand up free of the past, free of tradition and blood ties and the curse of royalty and become what he wished to become. They were fighting for the FIRST PLACE ON EARTH where THE MAN MATTERED MORE THAN THE STATE.

These sentiments were expressed by Union Army Colonel Lawrence Chamberlin. He told his soldiers, "We are an army going out to set other men free." "We are an army going out to set other men free." Not for Kings, or land or personal possessions.

TRUE FREEDOM BEGAN HERE IN THIS COUNTRY! The civil war would determine if it would endure.

The good news...Freedom Won!! Freedom Won!!!

Here we are, in a capitol building, in our Capitol building that is known for being the spiritual and physical center of Colorado. I have found myself in this chamber for hours on end trying to fully comprehend all that this place represents, all that it means... and it's so much more than the granite, the steel the brass and the marble. It's more than the views. Winston Churchill said we build buildings then they build us.

This place on Brown's Bluff, is the very symbol of the idea and ideals of freedom. This amazing structure stands as a tribute itself to a government entrusted to ensure that **MAN MATTERS MORE THAN THE STATE. THIS PLACE STANDS AS A TESTAMENT TO EVERY BATTLE WHERE FREEDOM WON!**

If freedom had lost, we WOULDN'T be here. If freedom had lost, we COULDN'T be here.

I stand in here...and I think about our oath. I believe as senators and representatives the oath is what binds us together. Seven times I have sworn this oath and tried to truly comprehend all that it means.

What are we "Swearing to do, so help us God?" The answer is simple, it's simple. We promise to support the constitution and we promise to faithfully perform our duties to the best of our abilities.

We promise, as elected officials to do these two things. They both require leadership. They both require leadership.

We promise to perform our duties to the best of our abilities. This is transactional leadership, this is about doing our job, it's about managing the tasks and responsibilities of holding these offices. It's about learning how to legislate, and delegate, and participate in this process. Performing our duties to the best of our ability means passing a balanced budget and a school finance act. Our duties include dealing with countless issues and finding solutions that will best serve more than five million people. We are tasked to find solutions to enormous challenges.

Performing our duties to the best of our abilities means finding the best solutions. Leadership means finding solutions. It's not about partisan solutions.

President Kennedy once said, "Let us not seek the Republican answer or the democratic answer but the right answer."

"Let us not seek the Republican answer or the democratic answer but the right answer."

Rising to that challenge, we have much to be proud of in our accomplishments together in the first half of this term. As our agenda was presented for 2015 session I believed the issues we focused on would unite us and they did.

We didn't seek republican solutions or democratic solutions, we sought the right solutions and we succeeded.

UNITED WE SUCCEEDED

We sought the right solutions for our public schools. We increased funding and worked to reduce the negative factor.

We sought the right solutions to address the extremely burdensome amount of school testing we had piled up on the backs and in the backpacks of our kids. We took the entire 120 days of the session to pass HB 15-1323 to reform school testing. Senators Holbert and Kerr spearheaded this reform effort through one of the most thought-provoking, intense and complicated public policy debates I have seen in 16 years. Senators Hill and Merrifield, your efforts didn't go unnoticed because much of the work you did on SB-257 was incorporated into the final product.

We sought the right solutions for Workforce Development opportunities for our high-school graduates. We passed bills to increase partnerships that are bringing our schools and our employers together to provide graduates the necessary skills for competing in a global economy.

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We capitalized on many great recommendations of the "Colorado Talent Pipeline Report." Thank you Senator Newell for your work on getting that Report done. It provided a road map for success and we followed it.

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Four Republican senators - Woods, Marble, Cooke, and Hill - joined with five Democrat senators - Donovan, Hodge, Heath, Todd, and Kerr - sponsored 8 successful bills that were signed into law by the Governor.

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I want to share my appreciation for the House Majority Leader Representative Duran for all of her work and leadership on this issue as well.

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Empowering our kids to succeed is our greatest responsibility - their success IS the ultimate return on our investment. Colleagues, you deserve to be recognized and congratulated for the bipartisan collaboration you inspired to meet this charge.

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We sought the right solutions for new accountability of our own government through regulatory reform, auditing and compliance measures. Our health care exchange will be audited thanks to Senators Sonnenberg and Jahn who sponsored SB 19.

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Senators Newell and Lundberg produced a historic shift of oversight for the Child Protection Ombudsman's Office with a bill that faced an uphill battle from the very Governor you needed to sign it. THAT WAS A GREAT TESTAMENT TO YOUR Tenacity.

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The Department of Youth corrections will become more accountable thanks to HB 1131 carried by Senator Lambert and Representatives Esgar and Lee.

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We must be vigilant to ensure these reforms find compliance and implementation. We must continue to root out failed policies and programs while recommitting with every session to deliver efficient and effective programs to Coloradans.

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We sought the right solutions around increasing safety in our public schools.

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We honored the memory and the lives of Colorado school children, stolen from their families by unimaginable acts of violence. Working together we made school safety a prime directive of our K-12 institutions. Senator Scheffel led that effort with Democrat Leaders in the House to pass SB 213 and SB 214. We established an interim committee dedicated exclusively to understanding the challenging issues that our kids and our school personnel face. As a member of that interim committee, I can tell you the amount of research is daunting and the psychological challenges surrounding our kids are undeniable. While legislative solutions are elusive, I am convinced that we must continue the work of this committee.

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With 836,220 kids in our classrooms, their health and welfare while attending our schools must remain at the center of our attention and at the peak of our efforts.

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We sought the right solutions on Policing Reform.

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With broad bipartisan support we improved data collection on police shootings (SB 15-217, Roberts & Cooke), expanded required medical tests to help protect victims, peace officers and other first responders (SB 15-126, Cooke & Johnston), and we worked to protect the rights of minors who are victims of human trafficking (HB 15-1019, Woods).

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We must continue working side-by-side with law enforcement to ensure integrity and accountability are the main characteristics of all who pin on a badge, strap on a gun, and swear an oath to serve and protect us, our families and our communities.

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What we cannot do, what we must not do, is partake in any activities or actions that vilify those who serve and protect us. Our efforts should commend our heroes for their willingness to spend their weekends, their holidays, their birthdays and anniversaries away from their loved ones so we can safely enjoy those occasions with ours.

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These are our first responders, they are our lifesavers, they rush in to life threatening situations while the rest of us are rushing out. They are willing to forgo their own safety in order to insure ours. And all too often, frankly, way to often they pay for it with their lives.

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The Bible says there is no greater love than that of a man willing to lay down his life for his brother. Our first responders are the exception to that...they are willing to lay down their lives for a stranger, for us.

Colorado held 4 funerals for law enforcement last year... 4 funerals for our heroes.

We lost Sergeant Sean Renfro, Jefferson County Sheriffs Office who was hit and killed while directing traffic away from a crash. We lost Trooper Taylor Thyfault who was struck and killed by a vehicle fleeing police. We lost trooper Jamie Jursevics who was struck and killed by a drunk driver. And we lost Police Officer Garrett Swasey from UCCS when he responded to the shooting in Colorado Springs on the day after Thanksgiving.

These officers Ended Their Watch while serving to protect us. WE are HONORED to have the Wife of Officer Swasey here with us today.

Rachel, Thank you for joining. We are so sorry for your loss.

Numerous other officers were also critically injured last year while serving us and our thoughts and prayers go out to them for quick and full recoveries.

We need our heroes now more than ever because public safety demands are now greater than ever. Adding to the traditional challenges, the FBI has reported that in the last 12 months over 90 members of ISIS have either been killed or arrested in this country. We have terrorists here, ISIS is in our cities and in our neighborhoods. Our police, our sheriffs, our state patrol, they are our first line of defense against terrorism, and we need them.

As if their job wasn't already hard enough, we have now seen the badges and uniforms of Law Enforcement used as targets. Across the country, there have been nearly two dozen officers assassinated in the last two years just for putting on their uniforms.

Our words and our deeds must support them. Our policies must protect them.

If we don't do this at the very least for them in our positions, how can we demand the very most from them in theirs?

We sought the right solutions on another major piece of legislation that was significant for public safety and has been widely publicized recently. We passed the Felony DUI Bill (HB 15-1043). Senators Cooke and Johnston, that concern has been a long time in the works and you we able to find success where countless other attempts have failed. CONGRATULATIONS!

Colleagues, we can be proud of what we did together. "We sought the right answers, not the Republican answers or the Democratic answers."

We sent 364 bills to the governor's desk last year...if that's not enough, it really should be. That's a lot of bipartisan agreement to pass through two chambers.

We have "performed our duty to the best of our ability," we exerted transactional leadership. We were successful, together.

"I do solemnly swear to support the constitution." This is the other part of our oath, this is the first part and it is the most important.

Because without the Constitution, the rest of the oath doesn't matter. Without the constitution, MAN will not MATTER more than the state.

The constitution insures that free men are governed, that free men are self-governed, not ruled like subjects of medieval monarchies. It's the constitution that Colonel Chamberlain must have been contemplating as he commanded soldiers who were willing to fight and to die, not for kings, or land or personal possessions. They were willing to fight and to die to set other men free.

When we swear to support the constitution, we become the stewards of something revered. As senators we become transformational leaders, accepting a responsibility that elevates our accountability.

This building is more than the sum of its parts; the constitution is more than the sum of its words. We must support it, we must protect it, we must defend it and we must understand the price that has been paid for this sacred chalice of freedom.

With our oath, we become the Guardians of this hallowed chalice. 1

This is something priceless entrusted to our hands. This chalice contains something 2
sacred, it holds the blood shed on that battlefield in Gettysburg, and it holds the sacrifice 3
of every hero who has paid the price for freedom on every battlefield. This chalice 4
contains something else, it holds the tears of the families of our fallen warriors. There is 5
no bottom to this vessel and it constantly demands more sacrifice. 6
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Every first responder or member of our military who has sacrificed their life around the 8
world and across this country paid that price for something greater than themselves. 9
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Senator Scheffel and I got a sense of that cost on that battlefield in Gettysburg in 11
September; I got a sense of that cost as I stood on a cliff above Omaha Beach and looked 12
back at nearly 10,000 white granite crosses in Normandy; I got a sense of that cost at the 13
National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC., we get a sense of that 14
cost when we see a flag, folded in a triangle, delivered to the family of a veteran, or a 15
fallen officer with a salute, with a trumpet playing taps and with the following words...on 16
behalf of a grateful nation. 17
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Now, on behalf of a grateful state, this is an appropriate time to recognize and honor our 19
special guests representing our First Responders and our National Defenders. 20
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Would all of our Veterans please stand. 22
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Not for kings, or land or personal possessions, Americans do fight for an ideal, we do 24
fight for our constitution. We have a 240-year tradition of fighting wars to set ALL MEN 25
and WOMEN free. PLEASE THANK THEM AGAIN. 26
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Our military members swear an oath to support and defend the constitution...our law 28
enforcement officers, our sheriffs swear an oath to support the constitution. In their jobs, 29
they are willing to die for it. In our jobs, we must be willing to live for it. 30
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OATH - WE do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and of 32
the State of Colorado and faithfully perform the duties of the office of state senator to 33
which WE were duly elected to the best of our abilities, so help US God. 34
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As the delegates left Independence Hall in 1787, a Mrs. Powel of Philadelphia asked 36
Benjamin Franklin, "Well, Doctor, what have we got?" He Replied, "A Republic if you 37
can keep it." Our founders knew they had created something never seen before and 38
understood the challenges of keeping it. 39
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"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to 41
our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them 42
to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our 43
children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." 44
President Ronald Reagan. 45
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Our oath demands that we protect the legacy we inherited from those who came before us, 47
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All of us who live here are heirs to this Freedom. Those of us who serve here are trusted 50
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President Cadman recognized Minority Leader Guzman to address the Senate. 57
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Good morning, everyone! It is truly an honor to be here, at this Well, where so many have 63
stood and delivered important messages. I want to echo President Cadman in welcoming 64
you all to Opening Day of the 2016 Legislative Session in the Colorado General 65
Assembly. Thank you friends, family, honored guests, for joining us for the first of what I 66
anticipate will be a very interesting and productive 120 days. 67
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I want to begin by paying tribute to those Senators who are fulfilling the final legislative sessions of their terms. Let us not see them as lame ducks, but rather, as Senators of great wisdom and experience who will join with the rest of us to work hard for the People of Colorado. Their knowledge, passion, and experience is that which we should seek out during these forthcoming months. I would like to recognize them each by name:

- ▶ Senate President Bill Cadman
- ▶ Senate Majority Leader Mark Scheffel
- ▶ Assistant Senate Minority Leader Rollie Heath
- ▶ Senator Mary Hodge
- ▶ Senator Michael Johnston
- ▶ Senator Pat Steadman
- ▶ Senator Linda Newell
- ▶ Senator Morgan Carroll

Members, would you join me in giving a warm round of applause for our colleagues?

Today, I am privileged to deliver this message on behalf of the Senate Minority. We are 17 members to your 18. We know that being in the Minority means that you have the vote; but we have the voice. All of us, we 35, have Colorado in Common. But we all know that we have severe differences in how we think about getting to a stronger state. We 35 Senators share this hallowed Chamber at a time when extremism and heated debates over what is "right" and what is "wrong" dominate our discourse. But we are not elected ethicists seeking to define right from wrong. Each and every one of us has been elected to bring forth a system of laws which guarantee an equal and fair opportunity for all Coloradans. A fair opportunity to be safe from harm, to be secure in their homes, to get a quality education, to have access to quality healthcare, and so much more... a fair opportunity to build today for a better tomorrow.

We often hear that we Democrats are the Party of Handouts ... My response to that is this: WANTING EVERYONE TO HAVE A FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR THEIR DREAMS TO COME TRUE IS HARDLY A HANDOUT.

Many of you know that I lived with a Foster Family for several years. Following my high school graduation, I was not able to go to college like the other members of my class. I wanted to, but did not have the faintest idea how to make that dream come true. My foster mother took me to the bank...Katy National Bank. She told me that we were going to get a loan for college. I had no idea what she was talking about. She co-signed a loan with me...it was something I knew nothing about. My responsibility was to work and pay the loan back by the following August, so that I could get another loan for the next year. My foster parents did not give me a handout, or any handouts during all the years that I lived with them. By taking me to the bank, co-signing a loan, they taught me about a system that worked for me, and should work for everyone.

By co-signing those loans, they gave me an opportunity to reach my potential. That's what I see for our work here in the General Assembly. Our legislative efforts should always be an extension of the opportunity for every Coloradan to achieve their dreams. We are not the Party of handouts. Rather, we are a Party that believes everyone should have the opportunity to fulfill their dreams with the same tools to success available for all and not just the well-connected. We are the Party working to build a good today, for a better tomorrow.

Over the past several months, I have visited several communities across our great state that reflect this principle. I have driven to the West, to the East, to the South, and to the North. I have crossed the Rio Grande, the Arkansas, the Gunnison, the Platte, the Crystal, the Yampa, the Green, the Eagle and Colorado rivers, and the Fountain and Gore Creek. I have had the opportunity to join fellow Senators on several of these trips, and have witnessed the beauty of our lands and communities.

I milked a lamb in Paonia, visited a fish hatchery out in Steamboat, learned how to irrigate a cornfield by hand, and saw firsthand the devastation the flooded Fountain Creek did to Frost Ranch.

When I visited the Colorado Malting Company in Alamosa, I had the chance to learn about their proud history. The family has owned that land and operated their farm for decades. Fueled by the entrepreneurial spirit we take such pride in here in Colorado, they have built an incredibly successful farm and company that supplies the grains for distilleries and breweries across our great state. They are a true Colorado success story! They specialize in San Luis Valley Rye, a grain Al Laws, who owns the A.D. LAWS distillery here in Denver, chose for his prized whiskey.

I learned what the Colorado Malting Company deals with on a daily basis. One member of the family farm explained how a business like theirs is impacted by a number of issues like population loss and water.

One of their managers, Jason, told me how farmers using water from the Arkansas River have lost much of their ability to raise crops, due to a combination of drought and water being diverted to supply a growing metropolitan area.

These concerns are also shared by folks living in the lower Arkansas Valley. Since 2010 - the year I came into the Senate - the lower Arkansas Valley has lost over 1,500 residents. Since 2011, nearly 700 jobs have been lost. With the water drying up, they fear for their way of life.

The concerns over water, which can be found throughout Colorado, are exactly why the historic Water Plan introduced late last year has been so important. The Water Plan has been a significant endeavor that brought together voices from all across Colorado, and set potential benchmarks to lead us to a sustainable water future. We as a legislature must appreciate their hard work, so the people can implement the Water Plan over many years to come.

There really is only so much you can learn in policy briefings or in books. As a Senator that represents Denver, visits like these were truly impactful as they gave me a first-hand glance at the rich entrepreneurial spirit of our state, but also how very real issues like water shortages and population growth can impact communities outside the metropolitan area. Those communities need us from the metropolitan areas to listen, to remember their dreams, and to understand that the way we do business here in the Capitol impacts them.

I've learned a great many things about the state of our people. Frustration with a growing economy that isn't delivering a growing income for a waitress in Littleton is echoed by the rancher in Southern Colorado.

Anger at a political system that bends towards partisanship over justice is shared by conservatives and progressives alike from Boulder to Colorado Springs.

Anxiety caused by a system that rewards the wealthy and well-connected over a hardworking middle-class family is shared by students graduating from technical colleges and universities alike.

More powerful than the frustration, anger, and anxiety is a hunger for common-sense solutions that march us further down the path of prosperity, and not backwards through the tired and divisive discourse that plagues our modern politics. We can create a Colorado where people are united in moving forward, and where no Coloradan gets left behind.

Those seeking policies that take us backwards will not find satisfaction in our party's legislative priorities. Our priorities seek to provide opportunities for success for every Coloradan throughout the state.

Now, as far as priorities go: If a budget is a reflection of our values, then our budget must be our number one responsibility.

Our priorities are composed of bills that concern the needs of our people. From affordable housing, to financial support for rural areas, to making government more transparent, to supporting access to higher education.

But how can we expect any parts of our priorities or your priorities to be implemented if we do not address our budget crisis?

To emphasize what I mean, I want to draw from the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel's editorial on this past New Year's Day.

Borrowing from Republican President Theodore Roosevelt, the Sentinel's editorial board said Grand Junction needs to "dare greatly." That in order for their community to reach its vast potential, the people and their leaders need to "dare greatly."

I believe that's what we should do here, regarding our state budget crisis. Dare greatly. Let's dare to go beyond the status quo, and pass a balanced budget that reflects the values of all Coloradans.

From ensuring our transportation infrastructure is not only maintained, to making sure it can be improved - we must resolve our budget crisis.

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From making sure every child has the same access to the same high-quality education to reducing the overall cost of a higher education - we must resolve our budget crisis. 1
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From preserving our natural environment to ensuring access to affordable healthcare - we must resolve our budget crisis this year, or risk losing Colorado's identity as a state of promise. 4
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We are a state of beautiful lands, entrepreneurial spirit, agricultural leadership, and a way of life that draws so many to come here to do business, or even to raise their families. We risk losing that. Let's dare to come together to ensure that does not happen. 8
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Creating an economy that works for those who work hard, regardless of their background, means making sure everyone has access to the same tools, such as sufficient high-speed broadband services. 12
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I would like to read an email I received from Wink Davis, who owns Mesa Winds Farm and Winery in Hotchkiss. 16
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"A few months ago, you inquired about the quality of service here in the Northfork Valley. At that time, I replied it is slow, but doesn't seem to interfere with our business uses. In the last month or two, we have noticed a significant loss of capacity and quality at all times of the day. The service is very slow, and it is usually not feasible to stream content without frequent interruptions." 18
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"We feel the Northfork is being left behind. Anything the state can do to encourage a faster and improved implementation would be appreciated." 24
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It is unacceptable that in 2016, an entrepreneur in Delta County could be forced to drive for nearly an hour to reach Internet service that allows him to promote his online business and compete with his metropolitan counterparts. 27
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It is unacceptable that in 2016, constituents that live hours away from the nearest hospital don't have access to the growing delivery of care through telemedicine simply due to a lack of sufficient Internet service. 31
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It is unacceptable that in 2016, rural schools are disadvantaged by a lack of adequate broadband, which prevents our young students' minds from being enriched by the high-quality educational tools provided by today's modern Internet. 35
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I am eager to work with my colleagues across the aisle, and with the Governor, in sending a clear message to rural Colorado: you will not be left behind by your government, and we will fight tooth and nail to ensure that we break down the barriers to success, so opportunity is available in every corner of our state for our hospitals, our schools, our businesses, and our agriculture and tourism. 39
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Now, I was so excited to spend a day on the campus of Adams State University; a phenomenal campus with a new president. 45
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According to our state's Department of Higher Education, Adams State University will lose \$273,344 from their budget under the proposed 2016 state budget. The school is surviving, however; the campus is a state treasure. They appreciate the support from our state and value their students so highly that their board voted to provide "guaranteed tuition," meaning that the tuition paid by a student at the time of their enrollment will continue throughout their 4-year studies. 48
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This session, we have an opportunity to support those students who aren't as fortunate to have predictable tuition, by passing Know-Before-You-Owe legislation. 55
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Making sure that private lenders are providing hopeful students with all pertinent information about their loan helps students focus on their education, and less on navigating mysterious fees and charges. 58
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Just as important as leveling the playing field for Colorado students, we have a responsibility to make sure workers have opportunities to learn the skills to succeed in a rapidly changing economy. 62
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Workers in Colorado facing massive job loss in their communities from a coal mine shutting down in a rural area, or a grocery store being forced to close in a small town, should have the state's support to learn new skills and diversify their local economy with a renewed confidence. 66
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Passing the Rural Economic Development Program bill will support those communities, and ensure they are preserved in times of economic emergencies. 71
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And ensuring these communities are preserved is just the beginning. Local communities should have the power to raise their own minimum wages to reflect the diverse needs of their cities and counties, and build more prosperous communities throughout our state. 1
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Additionally, a woman doing the same job as a man deserves the opportunity to earn the same pay. This is no longer just an issue of women's rights and equality, but also a family issue. Women are a growing share of breadwinners in Colorado. They deserve the same opportunity to support their families and make their dreams come true like everyone else. 5
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As we begin to embrace an economy that's constantly evolving, it's important to note that in the past, our prosperity as a people was largely built by an organized labor force operating at unprecedented productivity with wages that reflected the work. 10
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Building a more prosperous workforce that can weather personal financial disaster, as many hardworking Coloradans should be able to do, is an important goal and can be shared by supporters and opponents of unions alike. Everyone deserves a level playing field to succeed. 14
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As we all know, the economic recovery would not have been possible without our small businesses. Whether it is groundbreaking ideas through renewable energy, or agritourism promoting a winery, small business helped lead us through the challenging and devastating recession. 19
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We need to ensure small businesses, and not just bigger companies, have the tools they need to thrive in Colorado. 24
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We should also be proud of our willingness to stand up for the small businesses that thrive due to our natural environment, and for our \$18 billion tourism economy, and proudly advocate for the quality of our air and water and our Colorado way of life. 27
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Colorado is a leader in the world for having taken the necessary steps to halt a changing climate in its path, and ensure that our public lands, our environment, and our way of life is available for generations to come. 31
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As the world transitions to cleaner sources of energy, our coal workers must not be forgotten for they are the holder of some of the hardest to learn and most important skills to utilize - skills that result in our homes being heated and our cars taking us to work, home and everywhere in between. 35
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We must also do more to prepare our existing energy workforce for future transitions so we can move forward boldly and with purpose for our environment and our economy. 40
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Just as important is ensuring Coloradans have access to quality, affordable healthcare so they can be healthy and enjoy our Colorado way of life. Thanks to the bipartisan efforts of this legislature, Colorado's uninsured rate has gone from 14.3 percent in 2013 to 6.7 percent in 2015 - an unprecedented drop, and the 5th largest drop in the nation. While the Affordable Care Act is not perfect, that means more Coloradans are getting preventative care protecting themselves from costly visits to the emergency room. 43
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Even more impressive, out of the Coloradans on Medicaid, 74% are working to support their families. 50
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We must stand up for forward-looking solutions that ensure women are able to make their own healthcare decisions. Programs like LARC, or Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives, which has been tremendously successful in bringing down the teen pregnancy rate by 40% and teen abortion rate by 35%. We need to adequately fund LARC so we can continue this remarkable progress. 53
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We also need to address Colorado's alarmingly high suicide rate. In 2014, more than 1,000 Coloradans took their own lives, the most in our history. We believe through expanded suicide prevention training, we can help bring that number down. 59
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We should strive to improve and stand with our progress while addressing critical gaps in service and coverage and working to even further slow rising healthcare costs, no matter where you live and no matter your health. 63
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One of the things that makes Colorado so unique and exceptional is the work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit of its people - Coloradans take care of their businesses and their communities. They don't expect handouts from their state government, nor do they want them. What they do expect and want from us is to listen when they have a concern, and take every step we can to ensure their people have as fair an opportunity to live a good life as everyone else.

The people of Pueblo don't want a handout -- they saved the Southwest Chief through their own ingenuity.

The people of Hugo don't want a handout - but they do want help in recruiting teachers so they can ensure their kids are getting a great education.

Our troops, our Colorado veterans who return from risking their lives to defend our country don't want a handout! But what they do want upon their return is for their state government to approve legislation that will give them the opportunity to re-enter the workforce, complete their education, or have access to tools they need so they can lead healthy lives here at home. Supporting these items isn't voting for handouts - it's voting for opportunity.

In closing, I would like to share a meaningful, personal childhood experience. When I was a little girl, I was not always safe from harm.

On nights when I was the most unsafe; I would escape from our house and head across the field to where the cows were huddled. I worked my way through the barbed wire fence in as careful a way as I could, in order to reach where the cows were. They never minded my approach, and I was able to get myself in the center of their circle.

As I laid down with my head leaning on one of the stomachs, my fear and anxiety melted away...when I looked up at the big, bright stars of that country night sky. Upon those stars, even as a little girl; I could feel peace and dreamed of a good tomorrow. I would fall asleep...awaiting a new tomorrow. That was 62 years ago. The same stars are still shining brightly on most nights.

In my travels all across our great state, the stars I saw in the San Luis Valley are the same stars shining in the Gunnison Valley, in Sterling, in Lyons, and here in Denver. Those stars represent the dreams of so many of a better tomorrow, and though we in this esteemed chamber come from very different walks of life and different parts of this wonderful state, we are privileged to live under the same stars.

I expect when we each look up at those stars, we dream of similar dreams of a better tomorrow. Each of us wants to perform the duties of our office with integrity and hope for a better Colorado. Though we have different beliefs of how we achieve those goals ... I think we can be proud that we give it our all...whether we have the vote, or the voice...or both. Let's give it our all. Coloradans want nothing less.

Senate reconvened.

On motion of Majority Leader Scheffel, and with the unanimous consent of those elected to the Senate, the words of President Bill L. Cadman and Minority Leader Lucia Guzman were ordered spread upon the pages of the journal.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMORIALS

The following memorials were read by title and referred to the committees indicated:

- SJM16-001** by Senator(s) Roberts; also Representative(s) Coram and Mitsch Bush--Concerning protection from liability for voluntary reclamation of abandoned hard rock mines.
Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy
- SJM16-002** by Senator(s) Jones and Roberts, Baumgardner, Cooke, Hodge, Merrifield; also Representative(s) Coram and Vigil, Arndt, Becker K., Buck, Hamner, Mitsch Bush, Singer, Thurlow--Concerning the need for Congress to fund catastrophic wildfire response costs outside of federal forest management agencies' normal budgets.
Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS -- FIRST READING

The following bills were read by title and referred to the committees indicated:

- SB16-001** by Senator(s) Crowder, Cadman, Roberts, Scheffel, Sonnenberg, Baumgardner, Marble, Tate, Holbert, Lundberg, Martinez Humenik, Cooke, Woods, Grantham, Scott; -- Concerning the expansion of the state income tax deduction for military retirement benefits.
Finance
Appropriations
- SB16-002** by Senator(s) Lundberg; also Representative(s) Sias--Concerning the submission to the voters of a ballot question regarding whether the Colorado health benefit exchange can impose a tax to support its operations.
Health & Human Services
- SB16-003** by Senator(s) Roberts and Jones, Baumgardner, Cooke, Merrifield; also Representative(s) Becker K., Buck, Singer, Thurlow--Concerning increased authority to use broadcast burning as an optional tool to reduce wildfire risk, and, in connection therewith, providing additional funding for wildfire risk reduction efforts.
Judiciary
- SB16-004** by Senator(s) Scott, Johnston, Roberts, Scheffel, Steadman; also Representative(s) Willett, Dore, Foote, Kagan, McCann--Concerning the enactment of Colorado Revised Statutes 2015 as the positive and statutory law of the state of Colorado.
Judiciary
- SB16-005** by Senator(s) Marble, Merrifield, Neville T., Woods; also Representative(s) Saine, Ransom--Concerning prohibiting the administration of statewide assessments to students enrolled in ninth grade.
Education
- SB16-006** by Senator(s) Martinez Humenik, Lundberg, Roberts, Tate; also Representative(s) Sias, Landgraf--Concerning the use of qualified insurance brokers to enroll eligible participants in health benefit plans through the Colorado health benefit exchange.
Health & Human Services
- SB16-007** by Senator(s) Roberts; --Concerning the establishment of a multiplier in the renewable energy standard for electricity generated from certain types of biomass to provide an incentive to use materials located within areas that have a high risk of wildfire.
Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy
- SB16-008** by Senator(s) Crowder; --Concerning the use of an off-highway vehicle to cross state highways within the jurisdiction of a municipality.
Local Government

SB16-009	by Senator(s) Grantham; also Representative(s) Primavera--Concerning the sharing of professional dental fees. Health & Human Services	1 2 3 4 5
SB16-010	by Senator(s) Baumgardner; --Concerning the purchase of an off-highway vehicle by a dealer. Transportation	6 7 8 9 10
SB16-011	by Senator(s) Neville T., Marble; also Representative(s) Neville P., Humphrey, Ransom, Saine--Concerning the repeal of statutory requirements that a portion of the revenue from specified motor vehicle related fees imposed under the "Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery Act of 2009" be used for transit-related projects. Transportation	11 12 13 14 15 16 17
SB16-012	by Senator(s) Heath; also Representative(s) Singer--Concerning the authority of a local assessor to grant additional time for a landowner to reconstruct residential improvements that were destroyed by a natural cause. Local Government	18 19 20 21 22 23
SB16-013	by Senator(s) Newell, Kefalas, Lundberg; also Representative(s) Singer--Concerning statutory changes related to the office of the child protection ombudsman. Judiciary	24 25 26 27 28
SB16-014	by Senator(s) Holbert; also Representative(s) Williams--Concerning the alignment of state mortgage originator disclosure laws with recent changes in federal law. Business, Labor, & Technology	29 30 31 32 33
SB16-015	by Senator(s) Baumgardner; also Representative(s) Vigil--Concerning a requirement that a governor-designated state agency clarify which pesticides may be used in the marijuana industry. Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy	34 35 36 37 38 39
SB16-016	by Senator(s) Steadman and Cadman, Scheffel, Baumgardner, Cooke, Crowder, Grantham, Guzman, Hill, Hodge, Holbert, Jahn, Johnston, Kefalas, Kerr, Martinez Humenik, Merrifield, Roberts, Tate, Todd, Ulibarri; also Representative(s) Hullinghorst and Lawrence, Arndt, Becker K., Brown, Conti, Court, Danielson, Fields, Ginal, Kagan, Kraft-Tharp, Landgraf, Lebsock, Lee, Lontine, McCann, Melton, Mitsch Bush, Moreno, Pettersen, Primavera, Priola, Rankin, Rosenthal, Roupe, Ryden, Singer, Thurlow, Williams, Wilson, Windholz, Winter, Young--Concerning the scientific and cultural facilities district, and, in connection therewith, amending the ballot question concerning the extension of the district to be submitted to the voters and modifying statutory provisions concerning the administration of the district. Finance	40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52
SB16-017	by Senator(s) Neville T.; also Representative(s) Neville P.--Concerning allowing a law-abiding person to carry a concealed handgun without a permit, and, in connection therewith, preserving current laws restricting the carrying of concealed handguns on certain property including school grounds. State, Veterans, & Military Affairs	53 54 55 56 57 58 59
SB16-018	by Senator(s) Merrifield; --Concerning the prohibition on a slow-moving motor vehicle impeding highway traffic. State, Veterans, & Military Affairs	60 61 62 63 64
SB16-019	by Senator(s) Cooke; also Representative(s) Saine and Foote--Concerning a requirement that court-ordered mental condition examinations be recorded. Judiciary	65 66 67 68 69 70

SB16-020	by Senator(s) Sonnenberg, Baumgardner, Kefalas; also Representative(s) Becker K., Brown, Vigil--Concerning clarification of certain calculations of the automatic funding mechanism for payment of future costs attributable to certain of the state's capital assets. State, Veterans, & Military Affairs	1 2 3 4 5 6
SB16-021	by Senator(s) Donovan, Aguilar, Guzman, Heath, Hodge, Johnston, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, Merrifield, Newell, Steadman, Todd; also Representative(s) Mitsch Bush--Concerning recognition of the fourth Monday in March as a state holiday, and, in connection therewith, designating the fourth Monday in March as "Public Lands Day". State, Veterans, & Military Affairs	7 8 9 10 11 12 13
SB16-022	by Senator(s) Martinez Humenik, Merrifield; also Representative(s) Pettersen, Singer, Wilson--Concerning removing certain limitations on the pilot program to mitigate cliff effect for low-income families who are working and receiving child care assistance. Health & Human Services	14 15 16 17 18 19
SB16-023	by Senator(s) Kerr, Merrifield, Aguilar, Donovan, Guzman, Jones, Kefalas, Newell, Todd, Ulibarri; --Concerning increasing the funding for preschool through twelfth grade public education, and, in connection therewith, increasing the funding for full-day kindergarten and requiring the secretary of state to submit a ballot question to authorize the state to retain and spend for preschool through twelfth grade public education any state revenues above the excess state revenues cap approved by the voters in 2005. State, Veterans, & Military Affairs	20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28
SB16-024	by Senator(s) Jones, Todd, Aguilar, Donovan, Kefalas, Kerr, Merrifield; also Representative(s) Moreno--Concerning capping private student loan interest rates. State, Veterans, & Military Affairs	29 30 31 32 33
SB16-025	by Senator(s) Merrifield; also Representative(s) Court and Ginal--Concerning end-of-life options for individuals with a terminal illness. State, Veterans, & Military Affairs	34 35 36 37 38
SB16-026	by Senator(s) Woods; --Concerning personal rights of protected persons, and, in connection therewith, limiting the ability of a guardian or conservator to isolate a protected person. Judiciary	39 40 41 42 43
SB16-027	by Senator(s) Martinez Humenik and Todd; also Representative(s) Primavera and Landgraf--Concerning allowing the option for medicaid clients to obtain prescribed drugs through the mail. Health & Human Services	44 45 46 47 48 49
SB16-028	by Senator(s) Carroll; also Representative(s) Fields--Concerning increased reporting of demographic data on government contracts on the Colorado transparency online project (TOP) system. State, Veterans, & Military Affairs	50 51 52 53 54 55
SB16-029	by Senator(s) Scheffel and Heath; --Concerning changes to Colorado insurance laws necessary to maintain accreditation with the national association of insurance commissioners (NAIC), and, in connection therewith, adopting a new own risk and solvency assessment law (ORSA) in a form substantially similar to the NAIC model and enhancing Colorado's insurance holding company system law by adding a required NAIC model provision specifying the insurance commissioner's power to issue subpoenas and examine witnesses. Business, Labor, & Technology	56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65
SB16-030	by Senator(s) Hodge; also Representative(s) Tyler--Concerning the surcharges for violating motor vehicle weight limits. Transportation	66 67 68 69 70 71

- SB16-031** by Senator(s) Steadman, Johnston, Roberts, Scheffel, Scott; also Representative(s) Dore, Foote, Kagan, McCann, Willett--Concerning authority of the director of the office of legislative legal services to sign vouchers for expenditures of the office.
Judiciary
- SB16-032** by Senator(s) Merrifield and Heath, Aguilar, Hodge, Todd; --Concerning the creation of an economic development working group for highly distressed urban regions of the state in order to develop legislation to improve the economic vitality of those regions.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
- SB16-033** by Senator(s) Ulibarri; also Representative(s) Salazar--Concerning a public health notice requirement for retail food establishments that do not provide employees with paid sick leave.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
- SB16-034** by Senator(s) Sonnenberg; --Concerning tampering with a deceased human body.
Judiciary
Appropriations
- SB16-035** by Senator(s) Johnston; --Concerning the public school fund, and, in connection therewith, creating a public school fund investment board to direct the state treasurer on the investment of the fund and changing the distribution of the interest or income earned on the investment of the moneys in the fund.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
- SB16-036** by Senator(s) Neville T. and Jahn; also Representative(s) Kraft-Tharp and Keyser--Concerning surety requirements when a taxpayer appeals a tax bill that the state or a local government claims is due.
Finance
- SB16-037** by Senator(s) Kefalas; also Representative(s) Pabon--Concerning required public access under the "Colorado Open Records Act" to public records as defined by such act contained in digitally stored data maintained by governmental bodies.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
- SB16-038** by Senator(s) Aguilar, Newell, Guzman, Heath, Hodge, Kerr, Merrifield, Steadman, Todd, Kefalas, Ulibarri; also Representative(s) Young, Esgar, Ginal, Landgraf, Lontine, McCann, Tyler--Concerning measures to promote the transparency of community-centered boards, and, in connection therewith, making certain community-centered boards subject to the "Colorado Open Records Act" and to performance audits undertaken by the state auditor and making all community-centered boards subject to the "Colorado Local Government Audit Law".
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
- SB16-039** by Senator(s) Newell and Martinez Humenik; also Representative(s) Lee, Singer--Concerning including a mental health professional in the memorandum of understanding relating to a local-level collaborative management process for children and families.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Appointment Letters of designation and appointment from Governor John W. Hickenlooper were read and assigned to committees as follows:

October 23, 2015

To the Honorable Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE COLORADO ENERGY RESEARCH AUTHORITY

for terms expiring July 1, 2019:

Jeffrey Paul Ackermann of Denver, Colorado, reappointed;

Mark N. Sirangelo of Lafayette, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy

June 2, 2015

To the Honorable Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for terms expiring June 1, 2019:

Matthew Skinner of Telluride, Colorado, to serve as a representative of tourism-related transportation industries, reappointed;

Sonia Quinn Riggs of Denver, Colorado, a representative of the food, beverage and restaurant industry, reappointed;

Michael May of Parker, Colorado, a representative of the hotel, motel, and lodging industry, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy

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November 11, 2015

To the Honorable Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for a term expiring June 1, 2018:

Kieran Cain of Lafayette, Colorado, to serve as an at large member from tourism-based industries, and occasioned by the resignation of Robert Stinchcomb of Lafayette, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy

August 12, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
DENVER METROPOLITAN MAJOR LEAGUE
STADIUM DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for terms expiring August 1, 2019:

- F. Robert Lee of Littleton, Colorado, reappointed;
- James L. Basey of Denver, Colorado, appointed;
- Stephanie Forbes Donner of Denver, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 5/7/2015
Cindi L. Markwell, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Business, Labor, & Technology

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July 28, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLLEGEINVEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for terms expiring July 31, 2019:

Martha "Marti" J. Awad, CFP, CFA, of Denver, Colorado, appointed;

Patrice M. Henning, CIMA, of Evergreen, Colorado, reappointed;

Douglas W. Lyon of Durango, Colorado, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education

May 8, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLLEGEINVEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for a term expiring July 31, 2016:

Jason B. Maples, CLU, ChFC, CFP, of Greenwood Village, Colorado, reappointed;

for a term expiring July 31, 2018:

Sarah R. Williamson, CFP, CIMA, CDFA, of Aurora, Colorado, appointed.

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Sincerely,
 (signed)
 John W. Hickenlooper
 Governor
 Rec'd: 12/8/2015
 Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education

June 9, 2015

To the Honorable
 Colorado Senate
 Colorado General Assembly
 State Capitol Building
 Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
 COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

effective July 1, 2015, for terms expiring July 1, 2019:

John Louis Anderson of Durango, Colorado, to serve as a member west of the Continental Divide, as a representative of the Third Congressional District and as a Republican, reappointed;

Jeanette Autobee Garcia of Pueblo, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Third Congressional District and as a Democrat, reappointed;

Monte Moses, Ph.D. of Englewood, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Sixth Congressional District and as a Republican, reappointed;

Maia A. Babbs, CFA of Golden, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Second Congressional District and as an Unaffiliated, appointed.

Sincerely,
 (signed)
 John W. Hickenlooper
 Governor
 Rec'd: 12/8/2015
 Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education

July 7, 2015

To the Honorable
 Colorado Senate
 Colorado General Assembly
 State Capitol Building
 Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

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MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

for a term expiring July 1, 2017:

Thomas Oliver McGimpsey of Louisville, Colorado, a resident of the Second Congressional District and a Republican, and occasioned by the resignation of Regina M. Rodriguez of Denver, Colorado, appointed;

for a term expiring July 1, 2019:

Terence Philip Fagan of Golden, Colorado, a resident of the Seventh Congressional District and a Democrat, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Joseph A. Garcia
Lt. Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education

June 9, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
FACILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for terms expiring June 30, 2019:

William Carl Sanden of Colorado Springs, Colorado, a Republican, reappointed;

Cheryl Denise Cohen-Vader of Denver, Colorado, an Unaffiliated, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education

June 24, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
FACILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for a term expiring June 30, 2016:

Margaret Henry of Brighton, Colorado, a Republican, and occasioned by the resignation of Brent Jared Kline of Denver, Colorado, a Republican appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Joseph A. Garcia
Lt. Governor, acting on behalf
of the State while Governor John W.
Hickenlooper is absent from the State
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education

August 26, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
FACILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for a term expiring June 30, 2018:

Samuel James Todd of Broomfield, Colorado, a Republican, and occasioned by the resignation of Patrick M. Brady of Fort Collins, Colorado, a Republican, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education

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July 29, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

for a term expiring July 1, 2018:

Paul Edward Garibay, Jr. of Westminster, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the general public, who is an owner or operator of a business within Colorado that employs students who are enrolled in schools that are subject to administration by the private occupational school division, and occasioned by the resignation of Ledy R. Garcia-Eckstein of Denver, Colorado, appointed;

for terms expiring July 1, 2019:

Richard Semakula of Centennial, Colorado, to serve as a representative of a private occupational school, reappointed;

Arlene Rae Malay of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a representative of a private occupational school, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education

June 19, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE COLORADO
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

for a term expiring July 1, 2019:

Brent C. Batron of Centennial, Colorado, a Democrat, appointed.

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Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education

September 11, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO LOTTERY COMMISSION

for a term expiring July 1, 2019:

James Howard Davis of Westminster, Colorado, to serve as a representative of law enforcement and as a Republican, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Finance

June 18, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
STATE BOARD OF PAROLE

for a term expiring July 1, 2018:

John M. O'Dell of Loveland, Colorado, to serve as a law enforcement representative, reappointed.

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Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Judiciary

November 13, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
STATE BOARD OF PAROLE

effective November 23, 2015, for a term expiring July 1, 2016:

Alexandra Jennifer Walker of Sedalia, Colorado, to serve as a citizen representative, and occasioned by the resignation of Brandon Cary Shaffer of Longmont, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Judiciary

August 22, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
FIRE AND POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for a term expiring September 1, 2017:

Suzanne J. Morgan of Lone Tree, Colorado, to serve as a representative of Colorado municipal employers, and occasioned by the resignation of Susan R. Eaton of Denver, Colorado, appointed.

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Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

September 10, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
FIRE AND POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for terms expiring September 1, 2019:

Manuel Albert Esquibel of Brighton, Colorado, to serve as a representative of Colorado municipal employers, reappointed;

Pamela Marie Feely, CPA, MBA, of Lakewood, Colorado, to serve as a representative of a board of directors of a special district, reappointed;

Todd A. Bower of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a full-time paid firefighter, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

September 10, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration the following:

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MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
VETERANS COMMUNITY LIVING CENTERS

for terms expiring July 1, 2019:

Richard Edward Young of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a veteran and as a Democrat, appointed;

William Lewis Robinson of Castle Rock, Colorado, to serve as a veteran and the designee of the State Board of Veterans Affairs and as an Unaffiliated, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

September 30, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration the following:

MEMBER OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
VETERANS COMMUNITY LIVING CENTERS

for a term expiring July 1, 2019:

Anne Kerr Meier of Evergreen, Colorado, the state long-term care ombudsman, and occasioned by the resignation of Nancy Lee Ferrier of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

October 26, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration the following:

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF VETERANS COMMUNITY LIVING CENTERS

for a term expiring July 1, 2019:

Ruth Eileen Minnema, RN, MA, NHA, RAC-CT, of Centennial, Colorado, to serve as a member with expertise in nursing home operations, who is a nursing home administrator at the time of appointment, who is experienced in the financial operations of a nursing home and as an Unaffiliated, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

April 24, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, and submit to your consideration the following:

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF VETERANS COMMUNITY LIVING CENTERS

for a term expiring July 1, 2017:

Cheryl Ann Kruschke, Ed.D, MS, RN, CNE, of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, who has expertise in nursing home operations and who has experience in multi-facility management of nursing homes, and occasioned by the resignation of Mary Ann Terry, RN, BSN, of Aurora, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 5/7/2015
Cindi L. Markwell, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

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July 7, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint and submit for your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

for terms expiring July 1, 2019:

Edward James Peterson of Lakewood, Colorado, to serve as a commissioner from the Second Transportation District, reappointed;

Kathleen R. Gilliland of Livermore, Colorado, to serve as a commissioner from the Fifth Transportation District, reappointed;

Kathy I. Connell of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to serve as a commissioner from the Sixth Transportation District, reappointed;

Steven Leon Hofmeister of Haxtun, Colorado, to serve as a commissioner from the Eleventh Transportation District, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Joseph A. Garcia
Lt. Governor, acting on behalf
of the State while Governor John W.
Hickenlooper is absent from the State.
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Transportation

August 10, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, reappoint and submit for your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

for a term expiring July 1, 2017:

Heather M. Barry of Westminster, Colorado, to serve as a commissioner from the Fourth Transportation District, reappointed;

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for terms expiring July 1, 2019:

Kathryn Hall of Grand Junction, Colorado, to serve as a commissioner from the Seventh Transportation District, appointed;

Nolan E. Schriener of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to serve as a commissioner from the Ninth Transportation District, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/8/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Transportation

December 21, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBER OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

for a term expiring December 31, 2016:

William Dean Singleton of Denver, Colorado, to serve as an Unaffiliated, and occasioned by the resignation of Dorothy Horrell of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
Joseph A. Garcia
Lt. Governor, acting on behalf
of the State while Governor John
W. Hickenlooper is absent from the State.
Rec'd: 12/30/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education

December 18, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

effective December 31, 2015, for terms expiring December 31, 2019:

Demetri E. "Rico" Munn of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a Democrat, reappointed;

William Eugene Mosher of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a Democrat, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/30/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education

December 15, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint, reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES
AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

effective December 31, 2015, for terms expiring December 31, 2019:

Theresa Kathleen Pena of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a resident of the First Congressional District, and as a Democrat, reappointed;

Byron Nelson McClenney, PhD, of Evergreen, Colorado, to serve as a resident of the Second Congressional District and as a Democrat, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/30/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education

December 15, 2015

To the Honorable
Colorado Senate
Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

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Pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, I have the honor to designate, appoint and reappoint and submit to your consideration, the following:

MEMBERS OF THE
COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES BOARD OF TRUSTEES

effective December 31, 2015, for a term expiring December 31, 2016:

James R. Spaanstra of Lakewood, Colorado, to serve as a non-graduate and as a Democrat, reappointed;

effective December 31, 2015, for a term expiring December 31, 2019:

Patricia K. Starzer of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, to serve as a graduate and as a Republican, appointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec'd: 12/30/2015
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education

TRIBUTES

Honoring:

- Tom and Carie Bruss -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Chase Peters -- By Senator Mark Scheffel.
- Ryan McCormick -- By Senator Mark Scheffel.
- James and Beverly Mussett -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Rita Passaglia -- By Senator Linda Newell.
- Zach Valadez -- By Senator Linda Newell.
- Raquel Galvan Renteria -- By Senator Cheri Jahn.
- Garren Cuthrell -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Robina Rogers -- By Senator Owen Hill.
- Michael Peter Serio -- By Senator Linda Newell.
- The Vanguard School -- By Senate President Bill L. Cadman.
- Nick Wachinski -- By Senate President Bill L. Cadman.
- Ellis McFadden -- By Senator Andy Kerr.
- Richard and Sandra Espinoza -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- William Sheard, Jr., and Irene Sheard -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Elmer and June Mavis Melchi -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Robert and Joan Finch -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Norman and Jean Butorac -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Richard and Betty Williams -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Edwin and Patricia Emery -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Gary and Diana Broyles -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Bill and Beth Ripke -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Richard and Kathleen Campbell -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Mr. and Mrs. James Allenback -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Tom and Phyllis Zamarripa -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Roy and Bebe Hayes -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Wayne and Kathy Vincent -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Archie and Mary Ellen Lopez -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Mike and Maryann Mercure -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Mike and Joni Giarratano -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Sam and Mary Keiffer -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Cecil and Marilyn Barrett -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Paul and Dolores Alfonso -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Charles and Gayle Grotewold -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.
- Homer and Joye Strain -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.

Larry and Miriam Miller -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	1
Leo and Katherine Beller -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	2
Jesse and Leona Silvers -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	3
Larry and Sue Phillips -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	4
Marissa Molina -- By Senator Lucia Guzman.	5
David Liendo Uriona -- By Senator Lucia Guzman.	6
Maurice and Betty Brau -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	7
Darrell and Nancy Lindsey -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	8
Manuel and Marcelina Vega -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	9
Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins -- By Senate President Bill L. Cadman.	10
Scott Taylor Salvagetti -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	11
Angel Ascencio-Molina -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	12
John Andrews -- By Senate President Bill L. Cadman.	13
Phil and Christa Phillips -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	14
Clarence and Jane Voss -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	15
Phil and Marcia Wolfe -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	16
Tino and Helen Herrera -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	17
Floyd and Celia LaCrue -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	18
Sam and Patsy Pantleo -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	19
Rudy and Dolores Gonzales -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	20
Lynel and Viola Killion -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	21
John and Wanda Stout -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	22
Mickey and Jo Giarratano -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	23
John and MaryAnn Johnson -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	24
Ken and Sharon Griffin -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	25
Joe and Ruth Taravella -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	26
Ray and Gerry Harriman -- By Senator Leroy Garcia.	27
Johnathon Jacobsen -- By Senator Beth Martinez Humenik.	28
The Entire Staff of the Colorado Water Conservation Board -- By Senator Jerry Sonnenberg.	29
Victoria Mallory -- By Senate President Bill L. Cadman.	30
Preston Waller -- By Senate President Bill L. Cadman.	31

On motion of Majority Leader Scheffel, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 14, 2016.

Approved:

Bill L. Cadman
President of the Senate

Attest:

Effie Ameen
Secretary of the Senate

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