SENATE JOURNAL
Seventy-first General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO
First Regular Session

1st Legislative Day Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Prayer By the chaplain, Pastor David Almanzar, Cañon Community Baptist Church, Cañon City.

Presentation of Colors By Colorado Air National Guard, Honor Guard, Buckley Air Force Base, Aurora.

Pledge of Allegiance By Pastor Carl Nelson, Colorado Springs.


Call to Order The hour of 10:00 a.m. having arrived, the Senate of the 71st 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 of the State of Colorado.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

October 27, 2016

Ms. Effie Ameen
Secretary of the Colorado State Senate
Coloardo General Assembly, State Capitol
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

RE: My resignation from the State Senator position for Senate District 6, effective December 31st, 2016

Dear Ms. Ameen:

As we have discussed previously, this letter is written to you as Secretary of the Colorado State Senate. I hereby tender my resignation as state senator for Senate District 6, as of December 31st, 2016.

It has been a great honor and privilege to serve in this capacity and I am very proud of the work that I’ve been able to accomplish for my district over the past 6 years. That said, it is time for me to make a change and I am confident that the 6th Senate District vacancy committee will provide the district with a very capable and strong Republican leader to complete my term.

Thank you for all of the great help you and your staff have provided to me while in the Colorado Senate.

Sincerely,

Ellen S. Roberts

cc: Senate President Bill Cadman Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE

State of Colorado
Department of
State

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 8, 2017 by the Republican 6th Senate District Vacancy Committee, appointing Donald L. Coram to fill the vacancy in the office of Colorado State Senate, District 6, caused by the resignation of the honorable Ellen S. Roberts.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this tenth day of January 2017.

(signed)
Wayne W. Williams
Secretary of State

Roll Call

The roll call of the holdover Senators was called with the following result: Present -- Aguilar, Cooke, Donovan, Garcia, Grantham, Guzman, Holbert, Jahn, Kerr, Lambert, Lundberg, Martinez Humenik, Merrifield, Neville, Scott, Sonnenberg -- Total: 16.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE (cont'd)

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I, Wayne W. Williams, Secretary of State, certify that I have canvassed the "Abstract of Votes Cast" submitted in the State of Colorado, and do state that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the attached list represents the total votes cast for the members of the Colorado State Senate for the 71st General Assembly by the qualified electors of the State of Colorado in the November 8, 2016 General Election.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 12th day of December 2016.

(signed)
Wayne W. Williams
Secretary of State
## Colorado General Election Results

November 8, 2016

### State Senator - District 4

**Counties:** Douglas

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<td>Jim Smallwood (REP)</td>
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### State Senator - District 8

**Counties:** Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt, Summit

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### State Senator - District 10

**Counties:** El Paso

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<td>Mark Anthony Barrionuevo (DEM)</td>
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<td>Owen Hill (REP)</td>
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### State Senator - District 12

**Counties:** El Paso

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### State Senator - District 14

**Counties:** Larimer

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<td>32,886</td>
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### State Senator - District 17

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<td>Matt Jones (DEM)</td>
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### State Senator - District 18

**Counties:** Boulder

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<td>Laura J. Woods (REP)</td>
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<td>Rhonda Fields (DEM)</td>
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<td>Michele Poague (LIB)</td>
<td>3,698</td>
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State Senator - District 31

Counties: Arapahoe, Denver

Vote totals  Percentage
Bob Lane (REP)  25,268  30.42%
Lois Court (DEM)  57,793  69.58%

State Senator - District 33

Counties: Denver

Vote totals  Percentage
Raymon Doane (REP)  12,564  18.05%
Angela Williams (DEM)  57,049  81.95%

State Senator - District 35

Counties: Alamosa, Baca, Bent, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Custer, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Mineral, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo, Rio Grande, Saguache

Vote totals  Percentage
Larry W. Crowder (REP)  38,880  59.90%
James W. "Jim" Casias (DEM)  23,358  35.99%
William Stuart Bartley (LIB)  2,668  4.11%

State of Colorado
Department of State

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I, Wayne W. Williams, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, certify that I have canvassed the "Abstract of Votes Cast" submitted in the State of Colorado, and do state that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the persons listed on the attached list were duly elected to the office of Colorado State Senate by the qualified electors of the State of Colorado in the November 8, 2016 General Election.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver this 12th day of December 2016.

(signed) Wayne W. Williams
Secretary of State

Colorado General Election Results
November 8, 2016

State Senator - District 4

Jim Smallwood (REP)
9428 Mystic Ct.
Parker, CO 80138

Vote totals  Percentage
Jim Smallwood (REP)  62,981  69.39%

State Senator - District 8

Randy L. Baumgardner (REP)
124 Ridgeway Ave.
Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451

Vote totals  Percentage
Randy L. Baumgardner (REP)  39,526  54.88%
State Senator - District 10

Owen Hill (REP) 47,832 66.19%
212 E. Madison St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

State Senator - District 12

Bob Gardner (REP) 45,938 75.30%
60 Mobray Ct.
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

State Senator - District 14

John Kefalas (DEM) 52,902 61.67%
604 Sycamore St.
Fort Collins, CO 80521

State Senator - District 17

Matt Jones (DEM) 57,649 100.00%
265 Dahlia Dr.
Louisville, CO 80027

State Senator - District 18

Stephen Fenberg (DEM) 67,799 79.61%
1819 Walnut St.
Boulder, CO 80302

State Senator - District 19

Rachel Zenzinger (DEM) 39,070 47.78%
7725 Marshall St.
Arvada, CO 80003

State Senator - District 21

Dominick Moreno (DEM) 38,428 99.09%
5821 Tichy Blvd.
Commerce City, CO 80022

State Senator - District 23

Vicki Marble (REP) 55,528 57.96%
600 Boulder Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80524

State Senator - District 25

Kevin Priola (REP) 30,074 52.07%
12255 Ursula St.
Henderson, CO 80640
 Credentials Committee

On motion of Majority Leader Holbert, and with unanimous consent of the Senate, a committee of three was appointed by the President as the Committee on Credentials. The President appointed Senators Holbert, Chair, Scott, and Garcia as members of the Committee.

The President announced that the Senate would be in recess so that the Committee on Credentials could meet and prepare its report.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

January 11, 2017

Mr. President:

Your committee on credentials, to which was referred the list of the members of the Senate for the 71st General Assembly of the State of Colorado, transmitted by the Secretary of State, begs leave to report that the persons named therein constitutes a true and correct list of the members as shown by the election certificate and records in the office of the Secretary of State, and your committee recommends that the list so furnished and read be adopted as the temporary roll call of the Senate of the 71st General Assembly of the State of Colorado.

(signed)
Majority Leader Holbert, Chair
Assistant Majority Leader Scott
Assistant Minority Leader Garcia

On motion of Majority Leader Holbert, the report of the Committee on Credentials was read and adopted by unanimous consent of the Senate.

On motion of Majority Leader Holbert, and with the unanimous consent of the Senate, the President appointed a committee composed of Senators Cooke, Marble, and Kagan to wait upon Chief Justice Nancy Rice of the Colorado Supreme Court and request her to administer the oath of office to the Senators-elect.

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

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

Chief Sergeant-at-Arms Frank Lombardi announced the arrival of the Committee and Chief Justice Rice.

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

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

Roll Call
The roll call of the Senators-elect was called with the following result:
Present: Baumgardner, Coram, Court, Crowder, Fenberg, Fields, Gardner, Hill, Jones, Kagan, Kefalas, Marble, Moreno, Priola, Smallwood, Tate, Todd, Williams, Zenzinger -- Total: 19.

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

On motion of Majority Leader Holbert, and with the unanimous consent of the Senate, the temporary roll call of the Senate was made the permanent roll call of the Senate.
On motion of Majority Leader Holbert and seconded by Minority Leader Guzman, Senator Kevin J. Grantham was nominated as President of the Senate. Majority Leader Holbert moved that the nominations for President of the Senate be closed and that a unanimous vote be cast for Senator Kevin J. Grantham. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

On motion of Majority Leader Holbert and seconded by Minority Leader Guzman, Senator Jerry Sonnenberg was nominated as President pro tempore of the Senate. Majority Leader Holbert moved that the nominations for President pro tempore of the Senate be closed and that a unanimous vote be cast for Senator Jerry Sonnenberg. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**SJR17-001** by Senator(s) Holbert, Grantham, Guzman; also Representative(s) Becker K., Duran, Neville P.--Concerning the adoption of the Joint Rules as the temporary Joint Rules of the Seventy-first General Assembly.

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

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**SR17-001** by Senator(s) Holbert, Grantham, Guzman; --Concerning the temporary Rules of the Senate.

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On motion of Majority Leader Holbert, Effie Ameen was nominated to serve as Secretary of the Senate during the First Regular Session of the Seventy-first General Assembly. The motion was adopted by an unanimous vote.

The President administered the oath of office to Effie Ameen as Secretary of the Senate.
On motion of Majority Leader Holbert, and with the unanimous consent of the Senate, the President appointed Senators Neville, Coram, and Fenberg as members of the committee to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

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

On motion of Majority Leader Holbert, and with the unanimous consent of the Senate, the President appointed Senators Tate, Sonnenberg, and Zenzinger as members of the committee to notify the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

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

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

November 23, 2016

Mr. Mike Mauer  
Director, Legislative Council  
200 E Colfax Ave, Room 029  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Mr. Mauer,

Pursuant to Senate rules, the Majority Leader is responsible for determining the size of the Senate committees of reference and for appointing majority members to each of those committees.

For the Seventy-First General Assembly, the sizes of the Senate committees of reference shall be as follows:

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Senate Appropriations:
4 members of the majority and 3 members of the minority party

The members of the Senate Committees of reference for the majority party are as follows:

**Senate Business, Labor and Technology**
- Senator Jack Tate, Chair
- Senator Tim Neville, Vice Chair
- Senator-elect Kevin Priola
- Senator-elect Jim Smallwood

**Senate Judiciary**
- Senator-elect Bob Gardner, Chair
- Senator John Cooke, Vice Chair
- Senate District 06 Vacancy*

**Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs**
- Senator Ray Scott, Chair
- Senator Vicki Marble, Vice Chair
- Senator Jerry Sonnenberg

**Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy**
- Senator Jerry Sonnenberg, Chair
- Senator Randy Baumgardner, Vice Chair
- Senator John Cooke
- Senator Vicki Marble
- Senate District 06 Vacancy*
- Senator Ray Scott

**Senate Education**
- Senator Owen Hill, Chair
- Senator-elect Kevin Priola, Vice Chair
- Senator-elect Bob Gardner
- Senator Tim Neville

**Senate Health and Human Services**
- Senator-elect Jim Smallwood, Chair
- Senator Beth Martinez Humenik, Vice Chair
- Senator Larry Crowder

**Senate Local Government**
- Senator Beth Martinez Humenik, Chair
- Senator-elect Bob Gardner, Vice Chair
- Senator Larry Crowder

**Senate Transportation**
- Senator Randy Baumgardner, Chair
- Senator John Cooke, Vice Chair
- Senator Ray Scott

**Senate Finance**
- Senator Tim Neville, Chair
- Senator Owen Hill, Vice Chair
- Senator Jack Tate

**Senate Appropriations**
- Senator Kevin Lundberg, Chair
- Senator Kent Lambert, Vice Chair
- Senator-elect Bob Gardner
- Senator Jerry Sonnenberg

* Senator Ellen Roberts has announced her resignation from the Senate effective December 31, 2016. The person selected by the Senate District 06 vacancy committee will fill those committee assignments.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully yours,

(signed)

Chris Holbert
Senate Majority Leader
December 16, 2016

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

As you know, Senate rules require that as the Minority Leader, I determine the minority party's appointments to the 2017 Legislative Committees of Reference. Below are the appointments.

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I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)
Lucia Guzman
Senate Minority Leader

Cc: The Honorable Kevin Grantham, Senate President
The Honorable Chris Holbert, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Crisanta Duran, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Patrick Neville, House Minority Leader
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate
Marilyn Eddins, Clerk of the House
Dan Cartin, Director of OLLS
Susan Liddle
January 5, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Mauer,

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 2-3-301, I hereby appoint Senator Kevin Grantham, Senator Chris Holbert, Senator Jerry Sonnenberg, Senator Vicki Marble, and Senator Ray Scott to Legislative Council.

These appointments are effective immediately.

Sincerely,

(signed)
Kevin J. Grantham
Senate President-elect
Colorado Senate

Cc: The Honorable Chris Holbert, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Lucia Guzman, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Crisanta Duran, Speaker-designee of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Patrick Neville, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Jerry Sonnenberg, Colorado Senate
The Honorable Vicki Marble, Colorado Senate
The Honorable Ray Scott, Colorado Senate
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate
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Mike Mauer, Legislative Council
Dan Cartin, Office of Legislative Legal Services

January 5, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Mauer,

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 2-3-101, I hereby appoint Senator Tim Neville and Senator-elect Jim Smallwood to the Legislative Audit Committee.

These appointments are effective immediately.

Sincerely,

(signed)
Kevin J. Grantham
Senate President-elect
Colorado Senate

Cc: The Honorable Chris Holbert, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Lucia Guzman, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Crisanta Duran, Speaker-designee of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Patrick Neville, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Jerry Sonnenberg, Colorado Senate
The Honorable Vicki Marble, Colorado Senate
The Honorable Ray Scott, Colorado Senate
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate
Marilyn Eddins, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Mike Mauer, Legislative Council
Dan Cartin, Office of Legislative Legal Services
January 4, 2017

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-elect Bob Gardner, Senator Chris Holbert, and Senator John Cooke to the Committee on Legal Services.

These appointments are effective immediately.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Kevin J. Grantham
Senate President-elect
Colorado Senate

Cc: The Honorable Chris Holbert, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Lucia Guzman, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Crisanta Duran, Speaker-designee of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Patrick Neville, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Bob Gardner, Colorado Senate
The Honorable John Cooke, Colorado Senate
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate
Marilyn Eddins, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Mike Mauer, Legislative Council
Dan Cartin, Office of Legislative Legal Services

January 9, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Mauer,

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 2-3-1302, I hereby appoint Senator Randy Baumgardner and Senator Jerry Sonnenberg to the Capitol Development Committee.

These appointments are effective immediately.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Kevin J. Grantham
Senate President-elect
Colorado Senate

Cc: The Honorable Chris Holbert, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Lucia Guzman, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Crisanta Duran, Speaker-designee of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Patrick Neville, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Randy Baumgardner, Colorado Senate
The Honorable Jerry Sonnenberg, Colorado Senate
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate
Marilyn Eddins, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Mike Mauer, Legislative Council
Dan Cartin, Office of Legislative Legal Services
November 29, 2016

Mr. Mike Mauer
Director, Legislative Council
200 E Colfax Ave, Room 029
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Mr. Mauer,

The Senate Majority Caucus hereby appoints Senators Kent Lambert and Kevin Lundberg to the Joint Budget Committee for the Seventy-First General Assembly. This appointment is effective immediately.

Respectfully yours,

(signed)

Chris Holbert
Senate Majority Leader

cc: The Honorable Chris Holbert, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Lucia Guzman, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Crisanta Duran, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Patrick Neville, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Kent Lambert, Colorado Senate
The Honorable Kevin Lundberg, Colorado Senate
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate
Marilyn Eddins, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Mike Mauer, Legislative Council
Dan Cartin, Office of Legislative Legal Services

January 5, 2017

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 hereby appoint Senator Jack Tate and Senator Beth Martinez Humenik to the Joint Technology Committee. Senator Martinez Humenik will serve as chair.

These appointments are effective immediately.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Kevin J. Grantham
Senate President-elect
Colorado Senate

Cc: The Honorable Chris Holbert, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Lucia Guzman, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Crisanta Duran, Speaker-designee of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Patrick Neville, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Jack Tate, Colorado Senate
The Honorable Beth Martinez Humenik, Colorado Senate
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate
Marilyn Eddins, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Mike Mauer, Legislative Council
Dan Cartin, Office of Legislative Legal Services
January 9, 2017

Ms. Effie Ameen  
Secretary of the Senate  
200 East Colfax Ave.  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Secretary Ameen,

Pursuant to Senate Rule 21(b), I hereby appoint President-elect Kevin Grantham and myself to serve on the Senate Services Committee.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Chris Holbert  
Majority Leader  
Colorado Senate

Cc: The Honorable Kevin Grantham, Senate President Elect  
Marilyn Eddins, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives  
Mike Mauer, Legislative Council  
Dan Cartin, Office of Legislative Legal Services

November 23, 2016

Mr. Mike Mauer  
Executive Director  
Legislative Council  
200 East Colfax Avenue  
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Mr. Mauer,

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 2-3-901, I hereby appoint Senator Beth Martinez Humenik of Adams County, Colorado to the Statutory Revision Committee effective immediately.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Bill L. Cadman  
Senate President  
Colorado Senate

Cc: The Honorable Chris Holbert, Senate Majority Leader  
The Honorable Lucia Guzman, Senate Minority Leader  
The Honorable Crisanta Duran, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
The Honorable Patrick Neville, House Minority Leader  
The Honorable Beth Martinez Humenik, Colorado Senate  
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate  
Marilyn Eddins, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives  
Mike Mauer, Legislative Council  
Dan Cartin, Office of Legislative Legal Services
December 6, 2016

Mr. Mike Mauer
Executive Director
Legislative Council
200 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Mr. Mauer:

The President-elect hereby creates a 5-member Select Committee on Energy and the Environment. Pursuant to Senate Rule 22(c) the President-elect appoints the following Senators:

- Senator Ray Scott, chair
- Senator John Cooke, vice chair
- Senator-elect Kevin Priola

Pursuant to Senate Rule 22(c), the Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint two members no later than December 30, 2016.

The Select Committee will hold at least three public hearings. The chair shall be responsible for establishing the agenda and the schedule for any meeting of the Select Committee.

The purpose of the Select Committee on Energy and the Environment is to hold hearings on a wide range of energy and environmental issues facing Colorado including:

- Supporting energy jobs and revenues while also protecting the natural places that make Colorado special;
- The changing regulatory landscape; and
- Pursuing an all-of-the-above approach to energy development in Colorado.

Sincerely,

(signed)
Kevin J. Grantham
Senate President-elect
Colorado Senate

Cc: The Honorable Chris Holbert, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Lucia Guzman, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Crisanta Duran, Speaker—designee of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Patrick Neville, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Ray Scott, Colorado Senate
The Honorable John Cooke, Colorado Senate
The Honorable Kevin Priola, Colorado Senate
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate
Marilyn Eddins, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Mike Mauer, Legislative Council
Dan Cartin, Office of Legislative Legal Services

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December 7, 2016

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

Mr. Mike Mauer:

Please be advised that, pursuant to Senate Rule 22(c), I am appointing Senator Lucia Guzman and Senator Matt Jones to serve on the Select Committee on Energy and the Environment effective immediately.

Sincerely,

(signed)
Lucia Guzman
Senate Minority Leader

Cc: The Honorable Kevin Grantham, Senate President
The Honorable Chris Holbert, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Crisanta Duran, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Patrick Neville, House Minority Leader
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate
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Susan Liddle

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.

APPPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY COMMITTEES

Legislative Council
Pursuant to Section 2-3-301, C.R.S., the President and Minority Leader appointed President Grantham and Senators Holbert, Sonnenberg, Marble, Scott, Guzman, Garcia, Kerr, and Jones as members of the Legislative Council Committee.

Majority Leader Holbert moved that the appointments to the Legislative Council Committee be confirmed.

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

Legal Services
Pursuant to Section 2-3-502, C.R.S., the President and Minority Leader appointed Senators Gardner, Cooke, Holbert, Guzman, and Kagan as members of the Committee on Legal Services.

Majority Leader Holbert moved that the appointments to the Committee on Legal Services be confirmed.

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

Legislative Audit
Pursuant to Section 2-3-101, C.R.S., the President and Minority Leader appointed Senators Neville, Smallwood, Jah, and Court as members of the Legislative Audit Committee.

Majority Leader Holbert moved that the appointments 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.
The President and Minority Leader appointed Senators Baumgardner, Sonnenberg, and Kefalas as members of the Capital Development Committee.

Majority Leader Holbert moved that the appointments to the Capital Development Committee be confirmed.

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

On motion of Majority Leader Holbert, 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 Kevin J. Grantham and Senate Minority Leader Lucia Guzman.

The text of President Grantham’s remarks follow.

We, the people of Colorado, with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in order to form a more independent and perfect government; establish justice; insure tranquillity; provide for the common defense; promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the State of Colorado.

The preamble to the Constitution of the State of Colorado. Those words were penned by our State Founding Fathers just a little over 140 years ago. Those words laid the foundation for a Bill of Rights and Constitution that has governed this state ever since. While the document itself has undergone numerous changes and additions, these words remain untouched and untainted over that span of time.

Good words. Words that stand the test of time. And why wouldn't they? After all they closely resemble the preamble of our US Constitution, which also continues to stand the test of time.

On this day, prayers have been lifted, songs have been sung, pledges have been recited, and oaths have been uttered to honor the nation, the state, and the documents in which these words are found.

On this day, we also honor those among us without whom none of us could be here. For my part, I would first like to recognize and thank my wife, Caroline. Thank you for all of your tireless support of me all these years! Please welcome her and my children and grandchildren.

I would also like to recognize my parents, and all of my brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces who could make it here for this day.

Let’s also show our appreciation for our guests who made the ceremonies this morning very special for all of us: The Colorado National Guard Color Guard, my pastor, David Almanzar, Carl Nelson, and The Legacy Quartet with those stirring renditions of our National Anthem, Battle Hymn, and God Bless America. Thank you all.

Thank you also to President Cadman and Majority Leader Scheffel for your leadership, guidance, mentorship, and so much else. You both leave big shoes to fill and this institution is truly worse off in your absence. You will be sorely missed and we thank you both for your service to this great State.

And to you, Senator Guzman, and your entire leadership team, thank you for stepping up to take on the difficult task of leadership in this chamber. Your gentle spirit and smile are always a welcome respite from the partisan storms that we often encounter. Thank you, Senator.

Thank you, and welcome, to all of the Senators of the 71st General Assembly, all of the holdovers, the crossovers, the do-overs, our re-elected members and our two new members: Senators Fenberg and Smallwood.
And last but not least, will all of the spouses or significant others of our Senators please stand and remain standing. Thank you to each and every one of you for the sacrifices you make every day so that we can be here to serve this state and the people of Colorado. Thank you!

We the people!

Words that still ring with authority! That we still say with reverence! That still ring with the truth of what they represent! Words that acknowledge those who truly represent the power of this government. We the people. Not this legislature. Not the executive or judicial branches, but we the people.

The very first section and many of the subsequent sections of our Colorado Bill of Rights lays out this principle very plainly, that it is we the people.

'Section 1. Vestment of political power. All political power is vested in and derived from the people; all government, of right, originates from the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole.'

'Section 2 says 'the people of this state have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves, as a free, sovereign, and independent state…'

'Section 3 guarantees 'All persons have certain natural, essential and inalienable rights… including the right of 'defending their lives and liberties; of acquiring, possessing and protecting property…'

'Section 4 guarantees the people the right to 'The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination, shall forever hereafter be guaranteed; and no person shall be denied any civil or political right, privilege or capacity, on account of his opinions concerning religion.'

'Section 13 guarantees our right 'to keep and bear arms in defense of home, person and property'

These and so many of the other sections of our Bill of Rights pay homage to the truths for which the Founders of our state and our nation fought, but that we sometimes take for granted. Self-evident truths, the truth that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights like life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Rights of the people, by the people, for the people. Rights that preserve and protect the dignity and the supremacy of the individual in our uniquely wonderful system: this constitutional, representative, republican form of government. A government which derives its power from the people. It is that elevation of the uniqueness and dignity of the individual that results in foundational principles such as due process and the rule of law, private property rights, self-defense, freedom in the home and workplace, freedom from a government that must inject itself into the most minute recesses of our lives thru abusive rules and regulation.

It is to this end that we strive: to preserve and protect the God-given rights of the individual, the we in we the people, not to grant them, but to fight to ensure them. To fight on their behalf for things like:

- Relief from burdensome, complex taxes
- Relief from the oppressive regulatory burdens placed on the people and businesses of all sizes
- Working towards greater accountability for state agencies in their rule creation process
- Creating more opportunities for parental choice in education
- Equality in school funding
- Reaffirming state budget obligations into truly core governmental functions
- Reaffirming our commitment to protect the taxpayer…the People… from the heavy hand of government reaching into their pockets for more money without their direct permission.

For many of these we may find common ground across the aisle. For others we may not. But that’s okay. There will be discussion. There will be dialogue.

We have already shown over the last two years that working together is not an impossibility. In 2015, we all came together—Republicans and Democrats, Senate and House—to send 367 pieces of legislation to the governor. In 2016, we again came together to send 387 bills to the governor for his signature. Not all bills will make it there, but the discussion continues, the dialogue goes on, and the republic survives.
We have demonstrated in a remarkable fashion our ability to work together on all those areas where we share common interests and goals. We can do it again!

Perhaps one of the most ominous issues facing us today that resonates with both sides of the aisle and to our constituents in all 35 Senate Districts is the problem of the deteriorating condition of our transportation infrastructure and funding to significantly address the problem. The problem is recognized by all. The need to address it is agreed to by all. How to address it remains a topic of discussion and debate. But that discussion is happening and continues to happen.

Our current road and highway infrastructure needs exceed $9 Billion including $3.5 Billion in shovel ready projects on the priority list awaiting funding. With such a significant number of projects waiting for us to act and with such a steep initial price tag to get them started, some creative solutions may be called for...but solutions that respect the priorities on both sides of the aisle and most importantly, the wishes and will of the Colorado taxpayer and voter.

Getting most of these projects underway in a timely manner will require the ability to leverage our revenue streams through Revenue Anticipation Notes, or Bonds. These will require consistent future revenue streams that can be committed to the repayment of the bonds. With the help of our Transportation Committee Chair, Senator Baumgardner (R-Hot Sulphur Springs), we are dedicated to working with the leadership and members of the House of Representatives to arrive at solutions that we can present to the voters of Colorado – solutions that will hold faith with the taxpayers of Colorado and their desire for accountability for their dollars. We must demonstrate to them that, if we are going to ask them for permission to go into debt to fund these projects, and if we are going to ask them for more out of their own pockets to fund these bond payments, then we must also demonstrate the commitment to reprioritize the dollars they’ve already entrusted to us by dedicating existing general fund money…if this is truly a priority. There are yet many details to work out but the potential is great this session for a truly bi-partisan solution to our roads and highway infrastructure funding.

This is not the only area in which we can find bipartisan solutions to a significant problem here in this state: the other is the problem of construction litigation reform and attainable housing.

Years ago, Colorado officials passed a law that makes it nearly impossible to afford new condos, townhomes, and other multi-family housing units. We in this 71st General Assembly have inherited this problem – and we must solve it.

Coloradans agree we must fix this problem and put petty politics behind us to do it. 14 local communities have already passed laws to fix this policy. These are democrats and republicans agreeing to make homeownership easier for our citizens. Speaker of the House Duran and I agree that the General Assembly needs to take the lead with a diverse group who all realize that home ownership is the path to the American dream, and we believe that the few, unreasonable, special interests who oppose the necessary changes will not be able to continue standing in the way of Coloradans who want to own their future by owning their home.

To this end, a diverse and bipartisan group of lawmakers – Senators Scott, Tate, Smallwood, Hill, and Williams, along with Representatives Wist and Garnett -- have taken upon themselves the great task of solving this problem. Again, through this bipartisan collaboration we will be able to solve a problem for all of Colorado.

In addition to these efforts we will also remain committed to reducing the regulatory and bureaucratic hurdles that inhibit business startups, expansions, and relocations. We will continue to work to slow the relentless production of new rules, which average 530 per year, 15,000 pages per year, over the last decade, rules that hamstring our small businesses across this state.

With this in mind, comes Senator Neville’s (R-Littleton) Senate Bill 1, The Regulatory Relief Act of 2017 where we will seek to alleviate the fiscal impact of burdensome regulations on small business. Small businesses will be given a window of time to cure minor operational or administrative violations instead of being immediately issued a fine. The bill will further require the current stakeholder process for rulemaking to solicit input for small businesses on those proposed rules that have potential negative impact on them.
Also to this end, Senator Martinez-Humenik (R-Arvada) is introducing Senate Bill 2. This bill will simplify the rule review process for state agencies by eliminating DORA’s scheduling authority and placing reviews on the standardized 3-year timeline. Ultimately, this legislation will simplify the bureaucracy and ensure timely review of the rules that beleaguer small businesses in all four corners of our state.

Other potential efficiencies in government are available to us in some of our larger agencies. In particular it is time for us to shed some of the dead weight of failed government policy. Senator Smallwood (R-Parker) will introduce Senate Bill 3 which will repeal the Colorado Health Care Exchange. This is long overdue.

To help improve access of our Medicaid recipients to their healthcare providers Senator Tate (R-Evergreen) will introduce Senate Bill 4. Current law prohibits Medicaid enrollees from seeing a provider of their choice because a provider cannot bill a Medicaid enrollee for services provided. This bill expands access to health care by permitting individuals enrolled in Medicaid to seek care at a provider that does not accept Medicaid. This enables individuals to bypass waiting periods, receive better quality care, and access specialty care providers.

In regard to the intersection of public safety, education, and our second amendment rights, Majority Leader Holbert (R-Parker) will be introducing Senate Bill 5. Rather than simply arm teachers and other staff, his bill will ask ‘how much training is required?’ Currently, POST certified law enforcement and private security personnel under contract with a school district or charter school may be armed. POST certification is extensive training, while no training is required for private security. How much training might our county sheriff’s provide before district personnel may be armed on a school campus to protect our kids?

That’s the question that Senator Holbert seeks to answer with Senate Bill 5.

And with Senator Cooke’s (R-Greeley) Senate Bill 6 we will no longer have to tell our 18-20 year old veterans that even though we trust them enough to send them to war to defend us and possibly die for us, that we don’t trust them enough to conceal carry in this state. Senate Bill 6 will fix this egregious error.

All of these ideas, all of these bills are concepts that we can come together on. All of these are problems that we can face together and offer the people of Colorado real solutions. Solutions that both sides of the aisle can share in. Solutions in which both sides can participate. Not for ourselves certainly, but for our bosses, our constituents, the citizens of Colorado, ‘...the People’.

We the people!

This is for whom we work. This is what brings all 35 of us together, all 100 of us together in this 71st General Assembly. We won’t always agree, to pretend on this day that we are living that fairy tale does all of us here in this room, and outside of this room, a disservice. But we do agree on some occasions. Occasionally, we agree on many things! This year, maybe it will only be a few things, but my hope, is that those things that we can and will come together on are of such great import and significance that they will truly benefit all Coloradans. We the people.

These are attainable goals – together. If past performance is indicative of future success, then we already know what great things we can accomplish together. This is my reason for optimism, for hope, in the successes that lie before us in these 120 days.

'Ve the people' are counting on it! Now it’s just time to roll up our sleeves and do it.

Thank you all and God Bless!"

President Grantham recognized Minority Leader Guzman to address the Senate.

Mr. President.

Mr. Majority Leader.

Mr. President Pro Tem.
Mr. Assistant Minority Leader.

Colleagues, Friends, and Family.

It is my honor to welcome you all to this chamber, this morning, as we open the 71st General Assembly.

Most of us electeds have had several years of experience serving in the Senate, but we are fortunate to welcome eleven newly sworn in members:

• Senator Don Coram
• Senator Lois Court
• Senator Stephen Fenberg
• Senator Rhonda Fields
• Senator Bob Gardner
• Senator Daniel Kagan
• Senator Dominic Moreno
• Senator Kevin Priola
• Senator Jim Smallwood
• Senator Angela Williams
• and Senator Rachel Zenzinger

Please join me in welcoming them to the State Senate.

When I began my work in the Senate, I entered in May 2010, in the last few months of the 67th General Assembly. That following January in 2011, I entered the 68th General Assembly, followed by the 69th, the 70th, and now the 71st General Assembly.

As I begin the last years of my Senate career, I cannot help but take a look back at how much our state has changed in six years. Colorado’s population was estimated to be 5,029,324 then, and currently stands at 5,540,545, and growing each month. That’s a 10 percent increase in six years.

Six years ago, our unemployment rate was 8.9%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. As of November 2016, it had fallen to 3.2% -- among the lowest we have seen in years.

However, let us not forget that as we’ve seen unemployment drop in these six years, we have seen sharp increases in homelessness among our students, particularly in the Denver, Pueblo, and Mesa County areas.

Six years ago, there was no Colorado Water Plan. It was in 2013 that the Governor issued his Executive Order calling for the Water Conservation Board to create the state’s first ever water plan. Coloradans from the north, to the south, to the east, to the west depend on this precious resource for everything from their farms to their cities. This living document will guide Colorado in protecting and preserving its water for years to come.

Six years ago, our state budget was $18.2 billion. Last year’s budget was $27 billion.

A civil union was not part of the law six years ago. The legalization of retail marijuana had yet to be approved through Amendment 64. The only beer sold in grocery stores was the 3.2% kind.

In these six years, technology has quickly nudged us forward. Entrepreneurs are inspiring and creating new tools that are quickly changing our world. Six years ago, you could never have imagined ordering a car with just a touch on a screen. Who would have thought even six years ago, the 71st General Assembly would be discussing bills relating to the operation of self-driving vehicles.

In these six years, Colorado’s blue collar workforce has gotten older. With that comes the need for young people to be trained and step into to fill these jobs. While visiting Pueblo Community College’s welding program, I got to see how the school is showing Colorado’s young people that you don’t have to attend a four-year college and go into debt to get a good paying job. One welding student I met, 18-year-old Brett Safazar, will graduate in two years with the skills he needs to succeed, and thanks to the program, will enter into a good-paying job at Vestas in Pueblo. Brett’s success shows how important trade schools and community colleges are to training young people to replenish our retiring workforce.

We must also be mindful about how advancements in technology like automation are rapidly changing what jobs need to be filled. Trade schools and community colleges will be important to bridging the gap with the manufacturing world to ensure the “new collar” jobs of tomorrow can be filled with skilled workers.
Agriculture has changed as well. Thanks to Amendment 64’s passage in 2012, farmers in Colorado now grow hemp as a cash crop, with demand growing for its use in making things like paper and clothes. And I know many of you in this chamber have sampled some of Colorado’s renowned craft beers. Not only are we ranked third nationwide in craft beer production, but thanks to Colorado farmers, our country is now the world’s leading producer of hops, surpassing Germany! One thing that has not changed in farming is the dependence upon the weather.

Today, six years later, I am honored to have been chosen by my colleagues to lead the Senate Democratic Caucus, and honored to work with President Grantham and the Senate Republicans to address the many needs and challenges facing our state.

And those challenges are many.

We have been elected to respond to these challenges, and Coloradans expect nothing less from us. We can no longer neglect the need to fund our crumbling infrastructure, nor fail to address the funding needed to repair and build roads and bridges. The American Road and Transportation Builders Association found 521 of Colorado’s bridges to be structurally deficient -- meaning key elements of the structure are considered to be in poor or worse condition! That’s over 500 bridges Colorado families drive on that are falling apart. As our population has grown over these past years, we have seen traffic congestion get worse, and our roads fall into further disrepair with more potholes. The people of Colorado should be able to drive their kids to school and drive to work on safe and reliable roads and bridges. Dollars for transportation means putting people back to work in good paying jobs, and making travel safer.

But we cannot accomplish these feats through proposals that would cut deeply into our already underfunded classrooms, and vital services Coloradans depend upon.

Therefore, I urge us to also consider the option of moving the Hospital Provider Fee into an enterprise fund. As you all know, last year every major newspaper editorial board, business chambers of commerce, and rural groups in Colorado came out publicly in support of moving the Hospital Provider Fee into an enterprise fund. This solution was at our fingertips last year, but partisan lines kept us from getting it done.

Moving the Hospital Provider Fee into an enterprise, in fact, honors the voters’ intent on TABOR, and would not alter the TABOR cap or raise taxes. It would simply isolate the fee, and remove it from the general fund where it was improperly co-mingled in the first place.

As you know, in the Governor’s current proposed budget, we see a $195 million reduction in hospital provider fee collections. That’s $195 million lost in matching federal dollars to hospitals.

Hospitals in rural parts of our state hugely benefit from the federal supplemental money from the hospital provider fee. Last year, rural hospitals paid $45,096,427 in Hospital Provider Fee funds, and actually received $147,542,829 in supplemental federal dollars. These hospitals not only care for so many hardworking families and their children, but they create jobs across the state, allowing hardworking families to stay in the communities they love and call home.

Members: We are not in a position to pick winners and losers by trading the health of our working families for the health of our roads. We can, and should prioritize both, and we have a solution to do that. But we had that solution last year, too. If not this solution, then what? Senate Democrats are willing to listen, but we need to get something done.

Let me remind you, every year, we hear that our legislative session accomplished little. The University of Denver put out a special report on the role and scope and expectations of the state legislature, which puts out that there is a belief lawmakers don’t know or understand how to work in a bipartisan way to get things done for the people of Colorado. This year, let’s work out solutions so we don’t have to choose between the health of our working families and the health of our roads.
For our side of the aisle, a major priority will be protecting the progress Colorado has made in being at the forefront of the new energy economy. We have been extremely fortunate to be a nationwide leader on energy issues. This is in part due to the leadership and vision of our state and nationally elected officials, including U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and Cory Gardner, who supported the federal tax credit for wind and solar, making them a viable option in a competitive market. Our utility companies are taking advantage of these opportunities, and I want to give a shout out to some of these companies, including Tri-State and Xcel Energy, who have invested in renewable energy in ways that benefits our environment, communities, and Colorado’s economy. Not only are renewables like wind and solar cleaner, but they are cheaper to produce and more efficient.

Companies like Xcel and Tri-State have shown that being profitable companies and being good stewards of the environment absolutely go hand in hand. Let me give you another example.

It would take looking back further than just 6 years to understand and appreciate Colorado’s mining history. While there are challenges facing mining industries, Colorado’s economy continues to be enhanced by some important mining operations today. I was fortunate and delighted to visit the Climax mine in Leadville recently. The mine began its operations in 1918. Its molybdenum is used mainly in steel alloys, and early operations produced the metal for armored battle vehicles in both World Wars.

Climax is an economic giant in the High Country. Summit and Lake Counties have received millions of dollars in tax revenue from Climax since 2012. The continuing legacy of excellence in environmental stewardship by Climax was celebrated in August, 2014 with the unveiling of their $200 million dollar water treatment plant. The treated water is discharged into Ten Mile Creek, which flows into local fisheries and recreation areas. They are at the forefront of water treatment in the national and international mining industry -- proving that mining and care of the environment can stand together.

The Climax mine has completed several multi-million dollar environmental restoration projects where land that was previously affected by mining and mineral processing operations have been restored to a condition that mimics the pre-operations habitat, vegetation, and wildlife ecology. I have invited Dr. Gail Mizner, and her husband, the President of Climax Mine, Michael Kendrick, to be with us today to accept our appreciation. Michael Kendrick is a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines and Denver University, and has shown through the work Climax mine has done, and continues to do, that industry and the environment can work closely together.

Please join me in thanking him for his service to the management of the mine, and for being one of Colorado’s finest employers. Michael, please stand.

One of our most important goals is keeping Colorado at the forefront of the new energy economy, as it has been for well over a decade since the passage of Colorado’s very own renewable energy standard in 2004. We will support efforts at the state and local levels to conserve our natural environment, and address the economic benefits of wind, solar, and energy efficiency. I would add that there are now more than 62,000 clean energy jobs in Colorado. With the establishment of our Deputy Minority Leader for Conservation, Clean Energy, and Climate Change, we aim to work closely with representatives of all energy industries so we can find bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Colorado’s energy future. We want to be clear: our intention is not to demote oil and gas, but to promote a formidable renewable energy portfolio, and a sustainable, clean natural environment.

That’s why we, like the vast majority of Coloradans, will continue to hold strong in defending our public lands and ensuring they stay public. Coloradans value these lands as they are part of our heritage and the very soul of our state, and we will not step away from embracing this value.

Our lands are not for sale. Not even to the highest bidder.

Now, I would like to point to another priority Senate Democrats are taking the lead on, and that is addressing the heroin and opioid epidemic, which is not only affecting our present, but our future as well. In this chamber, there’s a good chance the vast majority of you know someone close to you, or in your community, who is battling addiction. In our state, as well as in our entire country, opioid abuse is a serious problem.
The abuse of opioids like heroin, morphine, and prescription pain relieving drugs has been singled out by the Center for Disease Control as one of the top epidemics facing our country. Our state’s health department found that overdose deaths from just one kind of opioid painkiller outnumbered all homicides in Colorado in 2015. 259 people died from overdoses of what health officials call “natural” prescription opioids — drugs like hydrocode and oxycodone. That compares with 205 people who died from homicide.

We are particularly seeing this problem in Southern Colorado. Southern Colorado is home to only 6% of the state’s population. Meanwhile however, the region represented 18.1% of heroin treatment admissions in 2014. This is a problem that hurts young people, and tears apart communities. That’s why, under the lead of the Assistant Minority Leader, Senate Democrats will be introducing a bill to create a pilot program for Routt and Pueblo counties, two areas experiencing particularly high opioid addiction, to make access to life-saving treatment and care more accessible to those struggling with addiction.

All across this great state of Colorado, there are many challenges. We hear about them, we read about them, and sometimes we experience them firsthand.

- Towns losing jobs and people because a mine shuts down or closes.
- A farmer’s crop is lost because a flooding creek erodes the land, and takes away the floodgate.
- A rural school lacks science and math teachers.
- A family grieves the early death of a child killed by a drunk driver.
- Families lack healthcare, and are not able to afford the costs of keeping their families on quality health insurance.

But in Colorado, there are many resources to fight the challenges. 35 of them are sitting in this chamber. Some of a community’s greatest assets are its leaders. Leader who listen, who hear the cries of their people or their land. You all are those resources, and I am proud to serve with you.

I started this speech by looking back, and I want to end it by looking back a little further than six years ago.

The class of 1964. That’s my graduating high school class. 43 of us spent 12 years together. Some are gone now. Royce was the first to leave us soon after graduation. He died in the Vietnam War, fighting for his county. Then came Donnie, the second one to leave us. Donnie had polio, and was born with a cleft palate. He was our class clown. He would catch bullfrogs from the creek and hide them in our English teacher’s desk. One day, Donnie told his wife, Margaret, another member of our class, that as he looked back on his 24 years, he saw no reason to keep living. He said he had nothing more to give.

Then Donnie took his life with his wife helplessly watching.

A few weeks ago, as we were traveling to Taos for Christmas, I received a message from the daughter of one of my best friends, Mary Ellen. Mary Ellen was at home, moving towards her last hours of life. Her daughter said “She wants to hear your voice.” I called Mary Ellen, and I talked about the stuff we did 52 years ago. Looking back to those times, her daughter said, made Mary Ellen smile, though she could no longer speak.

I wondered later, as I walked through the snow, why am I still here? Then it came to me. The Class of ’64 gave the world farmers, ranchers, bankers, teachers, preachers, butchers, welders, football coaches, nurses, morticians, town pharmacists, and one State Senator.

I really don’t know why I am still here, but I do know this: Royce, Donnie, and Mary Ellen. I live on and work on for them, and their children, and their children’s children.

I think that’s what each of us is doing here. Working on, going on, for the people of Colorado, and their children, and their children’s children.

Senate reconvened.

On motion of Majority Leader Holbert, and with the unanimous consent of those elected to the Senate, the remarks of President Grantham and Minority Leader Guzman were ordered spread upon the pages of the journal.
MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 11, 2017

Mr. President:

The House has adopted and transmits herewith HJR17-1001. Pursuant to the resolution, the Speaker has appointed Representatives McLachlan, Chairman, Exum and Navarro

The House has adopted and transmits herewith HJR17-1002. Pursuant to the resolution, the Speaker has appointed Representatives Kennedy, Chairman, Benavidez and Wist

The House has adopted and returns herewith SJR17-0001.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

HJR17-1001 by Representative(s) Becker K., Duran, Neville P.; also Senator(s) Holbert, Grantham, 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 Holbert, the resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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Pursuant to the resolution, the President appointed Senators Priola and Jones to escort the Governor to the State of the State address.

HJR17-1002 by Representative(s) Becker K., Duran, Neville P.; also Senator(s) Holbert, Grantham, Guzman--Concerning a Joint Session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and appointing a committee to escort the Chief Justice.

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Pursuant to the resolution, the President appointed Senators Gardner and Guzman to escort the Chief Justice to the State of the Judiciary address.

Senate in recess. Senate reconvened.
INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were read by title:

SJR17-002 by Senator(s) Baumgardner and Merrifield, Cooke, Jones; also Representative(s) Singer and Thurlow, Hamner--Concerning the Colorado general assembly's support for the continued research, development, and application of biochar from our forests.
Laid over until Tuesday, January 17, retaining its place on the calendar.

SJR17-003 by Senator(s) Holbert, Grantham, Guzman; also Representative(s) Buckner, Esgar, Saine, McKean--Concerning the officers and employees of the First Regular Session of the Seventy-first General Assembly.
Laid over one day under Senate Rule 30(b).

SR17-002 by Senator(s) Holbert, Grantham, Guzman; --Concerning the appointment of officers and employees for the Senate convened in the First Regular Session of the Seventy-first General Assembly.
Laid over one day under Senate Rule 30(c).

INTRODUCTION OF MEMORIALS

The following memorial was read by title and referred to the committee indicated:

SJM17-001 by Senator(s) Jones and Merrifield; also Representative(s) Hamner and 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:

SB17-001 by Senator(s) Neville T., Cooke, Crowder, Gardner, Grantham, Holbert, Lambert, Lundberg, Marble, Priola, Scott, Smallwood, Sonnenberg; also Representative(s) Neville P.--Concerning methods to alleviate the fiscal impact of state regulations on small businesses, and, in connection therewith, enacting the "Regulatory Relief Act of 2017".
Business, Labor, & Technology

SB17-002 by Senator(s) Martinez Humenik, Grantham; --Concerning the compulsory review of rules by each principal department, and, in connection therewith, establishing a triennial basis for each review to be conducted.
Business, Labor, & Technology

SB17-003 by Senator(s) Smallwood; also Representative(s) Neville P.--Concerning the repeal of the "Colorado Health Benefit Exchange Act".
Finance

SB17-004 by Senator(s) Tate; also Representative(s) Wist--Concerning access by medicaid recipients to nonenrolled medical providers.
Health & Human Services

SB17-005 by Senator(s) Holbert; also Representative(s) Neville P.--Concerning handgun safety training courses for school employees, and, in connection therewith, permitting certain school employees to carry concealed handguns in public schools.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB17-006 by Senator(s) Cooke, Holbert, Sonnenberg; also Representative(s) Nordberg--Concerning allowing certain military personnel who are less than twenty-one years of age to obtain a permit to carry a concealed handgun.
Judiciary

SB17-007 by Senator(s) Marble, Grantham, Holbert, Neville T., Sonnenberg; also Representative(s) Saine and Humphrey--Concerning the repeal of certain provisions concerning ammunition magazines.
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
SB17-008 by Senator(s) Hill; also Representative(s) Lebsock--Concerning legalizing certain knives. Judiciary

SB17-009 by Senator(s) Crowder; --Concerning an increase in the per-schedule exemption of business personal property. Finance

SB17-010 by Senator(s) Kagan; --Concerning the identification of habitual criminals for sentencing purposes. Judiciary

SB17-011 by Senator(s) Lambert, Lundberg; also Representative(s) Lawrence, Hamner, Rankin, Young--Concerning the creation of a technical demonstration forum to study solutions to improve transportation access for people with disabilities. Health & Human Services

SB17-012 by Senator(s) Martinez Humenik; also Representative(s) Lee, Singer--Concerning competency restoration services for defendants deemed incompetent to proceed. Judiciary

SB17-013 by Senator(s) Jones; also Representative(s) Danielson and Van Winkle, Ginal, Lontine, Melton, Salazar--Concerning authorization of the board of directors of the fire and police pension association to develop a multi-employer deferred compensation plan document. Finance

SB17-014 by Senator(s) Baumgardner; also Representative(s) Coram and Becker J.--Concerning a prohibition against the imposition of inspection requirements for underground petroleum storage tanks or the charging of inspection fees for the inspection of underground petroleum storage tanks by a local government. Transportation

SB17-015 by Senator(s) Aguilar; also Representative(s) Pabon--Concerning the unlawful advertising of marijuana. Judiciary

SB17-016 by Senator(s) Neville T. and Jahn; also Representative(s) Nordberg--Concerning the optional creation of a child protection team by a county. Health & Human Services

SB17-017 by Senator(s) Aguilar; also Representative(s) Singer--Concerning adding stress disorders to the list of debilitating medical conditions for the purposes of the use of medical marijuana. State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB17-018 by Senator(s) Moreno, Kerr, Tate; also Representative(s) Arndt, Thurlow--Concerning a correction to an amending clause in Senate Bill 16-146 related to the repeal of part 14 of article 4 of title 25. State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB17-019 by Senator(s) Martinez Humenik; also Representative(s) Singer--Concerning increasing medication consistency for persons with mental illness in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Judiciary

SB17-020 by Senator(s) Cooke; also Representative(s) Melton and Ginal--Concerning the establishment of a uniform approval standard for fire and police pension association statewide plan elections. Finance

SB17-021 by Senator(s) Martinez Humenik; also Representative(s) Singer--Concerning reentry services for persons with mental illness in the criminal justice system, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation. Judiciary

SB17-022 by Senator(s) Donovan; --Concerning the coordination of economic assistance for rural communities experiencing certain significant economic events that have led to substantial job loss in those communities, and, in connection therewith, authorizing the department of local affairs to coordinate nonmonetary assistance and award grant money to assist rural communities with job creation or retention. Finance

SB17-023 by Senator(s) Gardner; --Concerning the "Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act (2015)". State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
SB17-024 by Senator(s) Fields; also Representative(s) Young--Concerning the hearsay exception for persons with an intellectual and developmental disability when a defendant is charged with a crime against an at-risk person.  
Judiciary

SB17-025 by Senator(s) Holbert and Baumgardner; also Representative(s) Singer--Concerning the development of marijuana education materials.  
Business, Labor, & Technology

SB17-026 by Senator(s) Sonnenberg; also Representative(s) Arndt--Concerning requirements governing implementation of the state engineer's functions, and, in connection therewith, restructuring the fee that the state engineer may charge for rating certain types of water infrastructure, repealing certain requirements, and updating language in the statutes regarding the division of water resources.  
Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy

SB17-027 by Senator(s) Court; also Representative(s) Melton--Concerning an increase in the penalty for text messaging while operating a motor vehicle.  
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB17-028 by Senator(s) Gardner; also Representative(s) Nordberg--Concerning the promotion of healthy families through the sharing of information related to investigations of child abuse or neglect between departments of human services and military installations when a person affiliated with the military installation is involved with the investigation.  
Health & Human Services

SB17-029 by Senator(s) Kerr; also Representative(s) Pettersen--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

SB17-030 by Senator(s) Baumgardner, Moreno, Sonnenberg; --Concerning the exemption from the schedules of controlled substances any anabolic steroid that is administered through injection into nonhuman species.  
Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy

SB17-031 by Senator(s) Tate, Kerr, Moreno; also Representative(s) Arndt, Thurlow--Concerning the scheduled repeal of reports by the department of corrections to the general assembly.  
Judiciary

SB17-032 by Senator(s) Merrifield; --Concerning a change to how certain qualified persons may gain access to the prescription drug monitoring program.  
Judiciary

SB17-033 by Senator(s) Aguilar; also Representative(s) Lawrence--Concerning the authority of a professional nurse to delegate dispensing authority for over-the-counter medications.  
Health & Human Services

SB17-034 by Senator(s) Scott; also Representative(s) Arndt and Becker J.--Concerning the appellate process governing a district court's review of final agency actions concerning groundwater.  
Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy

SB17-035 by Senator(s) Fenberg; --Concerning data-gathering at voter service and polling centers in certain counties during each general election.  
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
SB17-038 by Senator(s) Todd; --Concerning the regulation of home inspectors.  
   State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB17-039 by Senator(s) Lundberg, Holbert, Lambert, Marble, Neville T.; --Concerning the creation of  
   income tax credits for nonpublic education.  
   Finance

SB17-040 by Senator(s) Kefalas, Gardner; also Representative(s) Pabon--Concerning public access to  
   files maintained by governmental bodies.  
   State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

SB17-041 by Senator(s) Priola, Holbert; also Representative(s) Hooton and Willett, Thurlow, Pabon,  
   Herod--Concerning employment contracts for certain positions at institutions of higher  
   education.  
   Education

SB17-042 by Senator(s) Guzman and Donovan; --Concerning the repeal of existing restrictions on the  
   ability of a local government to provide certain electronic communications services.  
   Business, Labor, & Technology

SB17-043 by Senator(s) Moreno and Hill; also Representative(s) Pabon and Neville P.--Concerning  
   eliminating the requirement for a medical certificate for drivers of personal vehicles who  
   provide transportation services for transportation network companies.  
   Business, Labor, & Technology

SB17-044 by Senator(s) Kerr, Moreno, Tate; also Representative(s) Arndt, Thurlow--Concerning the  
   scheduled repeal of reports by the department of regulatory agencies to the general  
   assembly.  
   Business, Labor, & Technology

SB17-045 by Senator(s) Grantham and Williams A.; also Representative(s) Duran and Wist--  
   Concerning a requirement for equitable allocation of the costs of defending a construction  
   defect claim.  
   Business, Labor, & Technology

SB17-046 by Senator(s) Tate, Kerr, Moreno; also Representative(s) Arndt, Thurlow--Concerning the  
   modernization of procedures pertaining to warrants and checks not yet presented to the state  
   treasurer for payment.  
   Finance

SB17-047 by Senator(s) Coram; --Concerning additional incentives for the beneficial use of Colorado  
   waste tires.  
   Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy

SB17-048 by Senator(s) Cooke; --Concerning requiring an officer to arrest an offender who escapes  
   from an intensive supervision program in the department of corrections.  
   Judiciary

SB17-049 by Senator(s) Gardner; also Representative(s) Lundeen--Concerning exemptions from  
   designated groundwater requirements for certain drains.  
   Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy

SB17-050 by Senator(s) Cooke; --Concerning the consolidation of grant programs relating to forest  
   management.  
   Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy
MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

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

December 17, 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:

MEMBER OF THE
COLORADO AERONAUTICAL BOARD
for a term expiring December 19, 2019:
Raymond Allen Beck of Craig, Colorado, to serve as a representative of local government in the western slope which operates airports, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec’d: 12/13/2016
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Transportation

June 20, 2016
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, 2020:
Margaret Henry of Brighton, Colorado, a Republican, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Rec’d: 12/13/2016
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education
June 15, 2016
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, 2020:
Claudia Beth Crowell of Grand Junction, Colorado, a Democrat, reappointed.

Sincerely,
(signed)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Rec’d: 12/13/2016
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Education

July 11, 2016
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
COAL MINE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

for a term expiring July 1, 2019:
Richard Clair Chermak of Hotchkiss, Colorado, to serve as a coal miner of known experience and practice in underground coal mining residing in the State of Colorado and actively engaged in the coal mining industry during the term of office, reappointed;

Sincerely,
(signed)
Donna Lynne
Lt. Governor, acting on behalf of the State while Governor John W. Hickenlooper is absent from the State.

Rec’d: 12/13/2016
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy
July 21, 2016

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
PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

for terms expiring July 1, 2020:

Robert William Bray of Redvale, Colorado, as a representative of agriculture and west of the Continental Divide, reappointed;

Michelle Zimmerman of Breckenridge, Colorado, as a representative of a non-profit organization that promotes conservation and recognizes non-consumptive wildlife use, and west of the Continental Divide, reappointed;

Hon. James Vigil of Trinidad, Colorado, as a representative of agriculture, reappointed.

Sincerely,

(signed)

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Rec'd: 12/13/2016

Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy

May 20, 2016

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 STOCK INSPECTION COMMISSIONERS

for a term expiring May 1, 2020:

Kathie Troudt Riley of Loveland, Colorado to serve as a representative with broad general knowledge of the Colorado livestock industry and shall represent commodity other than confinement and non-confinement cattle industries, with the largest percentage of charged fees, reappointed.

Sincerely,

(signed)

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Rec'd: 12/13/2016

Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy
May 23, 2016

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 WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

for a term expiring February 12, 2018:

James Thomas Yahn of Sterling, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the South Platte drainage basin and as a Republican, and occasioned by the death of Phyllis “Diane” Hoppe of Broomfield, Colorado, appointed.

Sincerely,

(sign)
John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Rec’d: 12/13/2016
Effie Ameen, Secretary of the Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy

On motion of Majority Leader Holbert, the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 12, 2017:

Approved:

Kevin J. Grantham
President of the Senate

Attest:

Effie Ameen
Secretary of the Senate