

**JOURNAL OF THE JOINT ASSEMBLY  
of the  
STATE OF VERMONT  
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**IN JOINT ASSEMBLY, JANUARY 8, 2009**

**10:00 A.M.**

The Senate and the House of Representatives met in the Hall of the House of Representatives pursuant to a Joint Resolution which was read by the Clerk and is as follows:

**J.R.S. 2.** Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to receive the report of the committee appointed to canvass votes for state officers.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:*

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, January 8, 2009, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to receive the report of the Joint Canvassing Committee appointed to canvass votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General, and if it shall be declared by said Committee that there had been no election by the freemen of any of said state officers, then to proceed forthwith to elect such officers as have not been elected by the freemen.

**Presiding Officer**

Honorable Brian E. Dubie, President of the Senate, in the Chair.

**Clerk**

David A. Gibson, Secretary of the Senate, Clerk.

**Report of the Joint Canvassing Committee**

Senator White, Co-Chair, then presented the report of the Joint Canvassing Committee, which was as follows:

The Joint Canvassing Committee appointed to canvass the votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General respectfully reports:

That having been duly sworn, it has attended to the duties of its trust and finds the number of votes to have been:

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For GOVERNOR.....	319,085
Necessary to have a major part of the votes .....	159,543
Peter Diamondstone, Liberty Union .....	1,710
James H. Douglas, Republican.....	170,492
Cris Ericson, Independent .....	1,704
Tony O'Connor, Cheap Renewable Energy.....	3,106
Anthony Pollina, Independent .....	69,791
Gaye Symington, Democratic .....	69,534
Sam Young, Independent .....	2,490
Scattering (write-in votes).....	258
Majority for James H. Douglas.....	10,949

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Vermont, the Committee hereby declares that

**JAMES H. DOUGLAS**

received a major part of the votes, and therefore was elected Governor of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

For LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR .....	311,792
Necessary to have a major part of the votes .....	155,897
Thomas W. Costello, Democratic .....	121,953
Brian E. Dubie, Republican .....	171,744
Richard Kemp, Progressive.....	14,249
Ben Mitchell, Liberty Union.....	3,639
Scattering (write-in votes).....	207
Majority for Brian E. Dubie.....	15,847

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Vermont, the Committee hereby declares that

**BRIAN E. DUBIE**

received a major part of the votes, and therefore was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

For STATE TREASURER.....	297,078
Necessary to have a major part of the votes .....	148,540
Murray Ngoima, Liberty Union .....	6,423
Don Schramm, Progressive.....	22,811
George B. "Jeb" Spaulding, Democratic/Republican ..	267,338
Scattering (write-in votes).....	506
Majority for George B. "Jeb" Spaulding .....	118,798

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Vermont, the Committee hereby declares that

**GEORGE B. “JEB” SPAULDING**

received a major part of the votes, and therefore was elected Treasurer of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

For SECRETARY OF STATE.....	302,223
Plurality, not a major part of the vote, is required	
Eugene J. Bifano, Republican .....	70,114
Deborah Markowitz, Democratic.....	214,197
Leslie Marmorale, Liberty Union .....	3,871
Marjorie Power, Progressive.....	13,856
Scattering (write-in votes).....	185

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Vermont, the Committee hereby declares that

**DEBORAH MARKOWITZ**

received the greatest number of the votes, and therefore was elected Secretary of State of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

For AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS .....	288,581
Plurality, not a major part of the vote, is required	
Martha Abbott, Progressive .....	35,232
Jerry Levy, Liberty Union.....	10,788
Thomas M. Salmon, Democratic .....	241,825
Scattering (write-in votes).....	736

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Vermont, the Committee hereby declares that

**THOMAS M. SALMON**

received the greatest number of the votes, and therefore was elected Auditor of Accounts of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

For ATTORNEY GENERAL.....	296,027
Plurality, not a major part of the vote, is required	
Charlotte Dennett, Progressive.....	17,730
Rosemarie Jackowski, Liberty Union .....	7,505
Karen Kerin, Republican/Libertarian.....	55,268
William H. Sorrell, Democratic .....	214,980
Scattering (write-in votes).....	544

Pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §151, the Committee hereby declares that

**WILLIAM H. SORRELL**

received the greatest number of the votes, and therefore was elected Attorney General of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JEANETTE K. WHITE

Chair of the Joint Canvassing  
Committee on the part of the Senate

JOHN W. MALCOLM

Chair of the Joint Canvassing  
Committee on the part of the House

**Report of the Joint Canvassing Committee Adopted**

Upon motion of Representative Malcolm, Co-Chair, the report of the Joint Canvassing Committee was adopted.

**Dissolution**

Thereupon, the President declared that the Joint Assembly was dissolved.

DAVID A. GIBSON

Secretary of the Senate

Clerk of the Joint Assembly