Gov. Chris Sununu’s Inaugural Address – January 5, 2017

THANK YOU, GUYS.THANK YOU, PLEASE.THANK YOU VERY MUCH WHAT ADAY, WHAT A DAY.MR. Speaker, R. President,MADAME CHIEF JUSTICE, JUSTICES OF THE COURT, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE, FELLOW EXECUTIVE COUNSELORS -- FORMERLY-- GOVERNORS, SENATORS, MEMBERSOF CONGRESS, THOSE SERVING INOUR ARMED FORCES, FORMERGOVERNORS -- I'LL MOST FORGOT --I ALMOST FORGOT.[LAUGHTER]GOV. Sununu: AND MOSTIMPORTANTLY, MY FELLOW CITIZENSOF NEW HAMPSHIRE, THANK YOU FORTHIS HUMBLING HONOR TO SERVE ASHER GOVERNOR.A VERY SPECIAL PACKAGE IN MYFAMILY -- MY KIDS, MY WIFE --SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MY FAMILY.MY KIDS, MY WIFE, VALERIE.[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: MY MUSE, MYEVERYTHING.THANK YOU.AND A VERY SPECIAL THANK-YOUTO MY FATHER AND MOM, WHO AREHERE, AND MY MOM ESPECIALLY, WHOTAUGHT ME WHAT PUBLIC SERVICE ISALL ABOUT.[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: AND FINALLY, I DOWANT TO THANK GOD.I OFTEN FORGET SOMETIMES.I THINK SOMETIMES WE ALL FORGOTABOUT HIM SOMETIMES, BUT HELEADS A LOT OF US HERE.WITHOUT A DOUBT, IF YOU ARESITTING IN THIS ROOM, YOU LOVETHE STATE AND YOU ARE HERE FORPUBLIC SERVICE AND YOU ARE HEREFOR THE RIGHT REASONS.IT IS A TERRIFIC THING.TODAY IS NOT ABOUT ME.LET'S UNDERSTAND WHY WE AREHERE.IT IS ABOUT US, IT IS ABOUT HOWWE AS SERVANTS, ELECTEDOFFICIALS, HOW WE ARE STANDINGHERE AND PROMISING THE PEOPLE OFNEW HAMPSHIRE TO SERVE THECONSTITUTION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,PROMISING THE PEOPLE OF THESTATE TO SERVE THE CONSTITUTIONOF THE UNITED STATES AND PUTEVERYTHING WE HAPPEN TO IT.IT IS THE JOB WE ASK FOR, THEJOB WE HAVE AHEAD OF US, AND IFDONE WELL, WE CAN DO GREATTHINGS FOR THE STATE.WE CANNOT BE DIVISIVE.I NEVER WANT TO START OFF ON ANEGATIVE NOTE, BUT LET'S COMERIGHT TO IT.WE HAVE A TENDENCY IN THIS STATEHAS TO BE DIVISIVE, TO WORRYABOUT POLITICS COME TO WORRYABOUT THE NEXT ELECTION CYCLE.THE NEXT CYCLE IS TWO YEARSAWAY.THAT IS NOT WHAT WE ARE HERE TODO.AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, IF ANYOF US ARE HERE WORRYING ABOUTTHE NEXT VOTE COME YOU ARE HEREFOR THE WRONG REASONS.THAT IS WHY WE HAVE TO VOLUNTEERLEGISLATURE.THAT IS WHY WE PUT OUR TIME ANDEFFORTS, WHY WE ARE SO DIFFERENTFROM EVERYBODY ELSE.I THINK WE HAVE TO REMINDYOURSELF OF THAT.AN INTERIM MONEY OURSELVES OFTHAT, WE REMEMBER WHAT IS GOINGON ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THEAISLE.REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRAT, WE ARE ALLHERE FOR THE RIGHT REASONS.WE ALL WANT THE BEST THING FORNEW HAMPSHIRE.IF WE KEEP THAT IN MIND, IF WEREMEMBER THE GREAT THINGS WE CANDO, THAT KEEPS US OPTIMISTIC ANDPOSITIVE, ENERGETIC.IT ALLOWS MORE PEOPLE TO COME TOTHE TABLE WITH BETTER IDEAS.THAT IS THE PHILOSOPHY WE HAVETO BRING.IT IS NOT EASY, GIVEN THEELECTION CYCLE WE JUST WENTTHROUGH.IT WAS NEGATIVE, IT WAS UGLY.A LOT OF PARTISAN ATTACKS ANDPERSONAL ATTACKS.THAT IS YESTERDAY.WE ARE HERE ABOUT TODAY ANDGOING FORWARD COMMAND I BELIEVEIF WE PUT THAT TOGETHER, WE CANDO GREAT THINGS.[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: SO WE HAVE TO ASKOURSELVES, AND WE START OFF INTHE VERY BEGINNING -- WHAT ARETHE PRIORITIES?WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?WHAT IS IT WE ARE LOOKING TOACTUALLY ACHIEVE?HAVE TO START WITH THEFOUNDATION BEFORE WE GO RUNNINGAHEAD.WE HAVE TO HAVE BROADPERSPECTIVE.LIKE WE ALL KNOW, THE ELECTIONIS IN TWO YEARS.BUT WE HAVE TO CHANGE THEMINDSET IN THIS STATE.WE NEED LONG-TERM PLANNING,LONG-TERM THINKING.WHEN WE TALK ABOUT BUSINESS,WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO FORBUSINESS NOT 2, FOUR YEARS ONTHE ROAD, BUT 5, 10, 20?WE NEED TO LAY A FOUNDATION THATWILL MAKE SENSE NOT FOR US -- IDON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT IDON'T THINK MANY OF US ARE DOINGTHIS FOR US.WE ARE DOING IT FOR OUR KIDS.WE ARE DOING IT FOR THE FUTURE.WE ARE DOING IT TO LAYGROUNDWORK.LET'S KEEP THAT IN MIND AS WE GOFORWARD AND LAY THAT FOUNDATION.AS GOVERNOR, YOU HAVE MY WORD IWILL BE TRUTHFUL.I WILL BE HONEST.I WILL BE VERY BLUNT, FOR THOSEOF YOU WHO HAVE CONVERSATIONS.I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TIME FORANYTHING ELSE.WE WILL

GET RIGHT TO THE POINT.WE WILL UNDERSTAND THE COMMONGROUND WE CAN AGREE ON ANUNDERSTANDING MIGHT NOT AGREE ONCERTAIN THINGS.WE WILL TAKE OUR TIME FIGURINGTHOSE ISSUES OUT.CANNOT GET EVERYTHING YOU WANT.CANNOT GET EVERYTHING DONE IN ADAY.BUT OVER TIME, WORKING TOGETHER,WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS.WHAT ARE WE LOOKING AT?WHERE DO I SEE -- WHERE DO THEPEOPLE OF THE STATE SEE SOME OFTHE ISSUES WE HAVE TO ADDRESS?WE TALK ABOUT THE ECONOMY.WE HAVE WORKFORCE ISSUES.HOW DO WE MAINTAIN A STRONGERWORKFORCE, RETAIN OUR YOUNGWORKFORCE, SO WE CAN BRING INTHE NEW JOBS AND BUSINESSES ANDGROW THE ECONOMY?[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: WE KNOW THE STORYOF OUR RISING HEALTH CARE COSTS.THEY ARE RISING AT UNSUSTAINABLERATES.WE KNOW WHAT HAS GONE ON WITHENERGY.OUR ENERGY COSTS ARE SOME OF THEHIGHEST IN THE COUNTRY.WE HAVE TO ASK OURSELVES, WHATARE WE GOING TO DO TO MAKE AREAL DIFFERENCE FOR THE ACTUALRATEPAYERS AND STAKEHOLDERS? We HAVE A SOLID EDUCATION SYSTEMHERE, WE REALLY DO.WE HAVE LAID A GREAT FOUNDATIONIN EDUCATION.BUT I THINK WE NEED TO GET NOTJUST INNOVATIVE, BUT WE NEED TOSTART IMPLEMENTING THOSE IDEASWE TALK ABOUT ALL THE TIMEFOR IT LETS GO INTO THECOMMUNITIES, LISTENING TO THEFOLKS THERE, AND FINDING OUTWHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE.IF YOU DON'T LAY A SOLIDGROUNDWORK IN EDUCATION, IT ISHARD TO EXPECT ANYTHING ELSE TOFALL INTO PLACE.WE GOT TO FOCUS ON IT.OVERALL ON ALL OF THIS -- OVERALL OF THIS IS THE BIGGEST ISSUEWE HAVE COME AND WE KNOW WHAT ITIS.IT IS OUR SUBSTANCE ABUSECRISIS.IT INFILTRATES EVERYTHING IN OURSOCIETY.WORKFORCE, EDUCATION, OUR DAILYLIVES, THE COSTS OF LIVES FROMTEARING FAMILIES APART.WE KNOW THE STATISTICS, WE NOTETHE DATA.WE HAVE STUDIED IT TO DEATH.IT IS REAL.AND THIS IS, UNFORTUNATELY, THETYPE OF CRISIS YOU DON'T NEED TOSTUDY TOO HARD FOR.YOU CAN SEE IT.YOU CAN LITERALLY WALK DOWN THESTREETS AND SEE IT.OR BUMP INTO A NEIGHBOR AND SEEHOW IT MADE A DIFFERENCE INTHEIR LIVES WERE OUR LIVESDIRECTLY.NO ONE IN THE STATE HAS BEENUNTOUCHED BY THIS.I BELIEVE WE NEED TO START INTHE BEGINNING IN TERMS OF OURSCHOOLS.AGGRESSIVE PREVENTION PROGRAMSIN OUR SCHOOLS THAT STARTEARLIER THAT ARE MORE AGGRESSIVE, AND I THINK WE NEED TO STARTBRINGING IN THE PARENTS AND THESTAKEHOLDERS INTO THOSE PROGRAMS.LET'S TEACH THE PARENTS WHAT ARETHE WARNING SIGNS, WHAT IS GOINGON.WE KNOW THIS IS NOT THE DRUGCRISIS OF THE 1980'S AND 1990'S.WE KNOWE HAVE TO BE SMARTERABOUT IT.WE KNOW IT IS OUT THERE, BUT WEHAVE TO EDUCATE OURSELVES FROMEDUCATE OUR PARENTS.WE HAVE A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY INTHE RECOVERY PROGRAMS.I THINK THE STATE HAS MADE GREATMEETS AND BOUNDS IN THE LAST TWOYEARS, IN WHERE WE HAVE GONE ONREHABILITATION.SO MANY FOLKS NEED OUR HELP.SO MANY FOLKS NEED OURRESOURCES.WHETHER IT IS MORE BEDS FORWOMEN, WE KNOW WE DON'T HAVEENOUGH BEDS FOR WOMEN ABOUT A MONTH AGO WE OPENED THEFIRST OF ITS KIND ON THESEACOAST, HOPE FOR HAVEN HILL.A SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENTCENTER FOR PREGNANT WOMEN.THERE IS 8 BEDS OVER THERE.WE NEED 80 MORE.WE REALLY DO.I DON'T CARE WHAT YOUR FORMERREHABILITATION IS IT WHETHER ITIS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE,FAITH-BASED GROUPS, PEER-TO-PEERCOUNSELING PROGRAMS.THERE IS A DIFFERENT PATH FOREVERYBODY AND WE NEED TO BE OPENTO ALL THE PATHS.YOU CANNOT START EXCLUDING FOLKSOR CUTTING PEOPLE OUT OF THE MIX.WE NEED TO PUT RESOURCES BEHINDOUR WORDS AND TAKE REAL ACTION.FINALLY ON THIS ISSUE, LET MEADDRESS WHAT I THINK IS ONE OFTHE MOST CRITICAL POINTS.FOR ALL THOSE OUT THERE PUTTINGTHEMSELVES ON THE LINE DAY INAND DAY OUT.POLICE OFFICERS, MEN AND WOMEN,FIREFIGHTERS, FIRST RESPONDERSTHAT ARE TRULY OUT THERE, WENEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY KNOWTHAT NO MATTER WHAT, WE HAVETHEIR BACK EVERY TIME.[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: NOW, THERESPONSIBILITY OF

GOVERNMENTDOES NOT STOP WITH THOSE WHOCAN'T PROTECT THEMSELVES ON THESTREETS.WE HAVE TO TAKE IT BEYOND THAT.WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TOPROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLECHILDREN IN THEIR HOMES,ESPECIALLY THOSE WITHIN THEPROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION.OUR SHORTCOMINGS IN THIS AREA,AND THERE ARE SHORTCOMINGS ANDTHEY ARE CRITICAL AND, FRANKLY,THEY ARE UNACCEPTABLE.IT IS A FAILURE OF ALL OF US ANDA FAILURE OF OUR SYSTEM.[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: AND I CALL ON THISLEGISLATURE, CALL ON YOU SITTINGHERE, TO ACT WITHOUT DELAY.CORRECT THE REGULAR TORYFRAMEWORK IN OUR SYSTEM ANDMAKE SURE THESE KIDS ARE SAFE.[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: THOSE KIDS, AS WITHALL THE CHILDREN IN NEWHAMPSHIRE, HAVE TO BE ENSURE THEOPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATION THATWILL ENSURE A LONG-TERM PATH TOSUCCESS.IT IS A GREAT WORD WHEN WE TALKABOUT ANYTHING WE DO INEDUCATION.OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS TOCHOOSE THE SCHOOL THE CHILDRENMIGHT ATTEND.OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS WITHGREATER FLEX ABILITY IN THEIRCLASSROOMS, SO THEY CAN DEVISELESSON PLANS FOR KIDS.OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYEES TOENGAGE WITH SCHOOLS, TO CREATEPROGRAMS SO OUR KIDS ARE COMINGOUT OF HIGH SCHOOL OR COMMUNITYCOLLEGE OR EVEN THE FOUR-YEARSCHOOLS WITH CERTIFICATIONS ANDWORKFORCE-READY SCHOOLS ON DAYONE.[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sunun AND I DO WANT TOTAKE A MOMENT TO SPEAK DIRECTLYTO THE PARENTS, THE PARENTS OFTHIS GREAT STATE.TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITIES ANDTHOSE WHERE EDUCATION IS SUCH AFOUNDATION IN HOMES.THERE IS NOTHING WE WILL ORSHOULD BE DOING WITHOUT ENGAGINGCOMMUNITIES FROM ENGAGINGPARENTS, ENGAGING TEACHERS,BEING LISTENERS.SOMETIMES WE THINK WE HAVE ALLTHE IDEAS IN CONCORDE.WE GOT A GET OUT THERE AND TALKTO FOLKS AND FIND OUT WHAT THEYARE LOOKING TO DO.I DON'T CARE WHERE YOUR KIDWANTS TO GO TO SCHOOL -- PUBLIC,PRIVATE, CHARTER, HOMESCHOOL,WHATEVER -- IT DOESN'T MATTER.YOU THE PARENT WILL HAVE THEULTIMATE SAY OF WHERE YOUR CHILDWILL GO TO SCHOOL REGARDLESS OFINCOME.[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: AS WE LAY THATFOUNDATION OF QUALITY EDUCATION,I GO BACK TO MAKING SURE OURGRADUATES HAVE THE ABILITY TOSWIFTLY ENTERED THE WORKFORCEWITH HIGH-QUALITY JOBS ANDOPPORTUNITIES.YOU HEARD ME TALK ABOUT MYCOMMITMENT TO VISIT 100COMPANIES IN 100 DAYS OUT OFSTATE TO ENTICE THEM IN.YOU WILL NOT GET ALL 100 BUT WEWILL TRY.YOU CAN' CATCH ANY FISH IF YOUDON'T GO FISHING.I'VE MET WITH COMMIES FROMCANADA TO CHINA, MASSACHUSETTS-- COMMUNITIES IN CANADA TOCHINA, MASSACHUSETTS TO VERMONT.YET THEY CONTINUE REDUCINGBUSINESS TAXES AND PASS AFISCALLY -- WE HAVE TO CONTINUEREDUCING BUSINESS TAXES AND PASSA FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE BUDGET.[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: WE ARE GOING TOBREAK DOWN THOSE BURDENSOME ANDREGULATIONS, AND THERE IS A LOTOF REGULATIONS IN THIS STATE.FOR SUCH A SMALL STATE, IT ISUNBELIEVABLE.WE WILL OPEN OPPORTUNITY FORBUSINESS AND HOUSING AND GROWTH,BECAUSE THAT DRIVES THE ECONOMY.HERE IS WHERE I DON'T MEAN TOSPRING -- I HAVE TALKED ABOUT ITBEFORE IT BUT LATER TODAY, IWILL PUT A NOTE OUT, AND I'MCALLING ON OUR COMMISSIONERS,EXECUTIVE BRANCH.THEY'RE GREAT PEOPLE IN THEEXECUTIVE BRANCH.LET'S TAKE A LITTLE PAUS.I'M ASKING FOR 90-DATEMORATORIUM ON NEW RULES ANDRELATIONS.LET'S TAKE A STEP BACK ANDFIGURE OUT WHAT WE ARE DOING ANDWHY WE ARE DOING IT.THANK YOU.[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: WE KNOW WE HAVE TOREDUCE -- WE KNOW WE HAVE TOREDUCE OUR STUDENT DEBT, PROVIDEMORE OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS TOTAKE THAT NEXT STEP IN THEIREDUCATION.WE HAVE TO REDUCE HEALTH CARECOSTS BY INCREASING COMPETITIONON THE INSURANCE SITE ANDPROVIDED LOW-COST ALTERNATIVESFOR INDIVIDUALS, INDEPENDENTGROUPS OR OTHERWISE.THERE IS LOTS OF OPTIONS OUTTHERE.THERE IS LOTS OF WAYS WE CAN DOTHIS.WE ARE GOING TO GIVE EMPLOYEESONCE AND FOR ALL THE FLEXIBILITYTHEY DESERVE IN THE WORKFORCE

BYPASSING RIGHT TO WORK.LET'S TELL THESE COMPANIES NEWHAMPSHIRE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS.[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: FINALLY, WE HAVE TOSTRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMY BYBRINGING SENSIBLE LONG-TERMPLANNING TO THE ENERGY POLICY.I BELIEVE FOR TOO LONG, WITH ALLOUR BEST INTENTIONS, WE HAVEDISREGARDED OUR RESPONSIBILITYON A LOWERING ENERGY COSTS FORTHE INDIVIDUALS, FOR THEBUSINESSES.WE KNOW IT.WE HAVE SEEN MANUFACTURERSLEAVING THE STATE, IN PARTBECAUSE OF THE HIGH ENERGYCOSTS, BECAUSE, IN PART, THEHIGH COST OF DOING BUSINESS.I'M ASKING TO PUT EVERYTHING ONTHE TABLE, WHETHER IT IS -- [APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: DO WE NEED MORENATURAL GAS INTO NEW ENGLAND?SURE WE DO, WE KNOW THAT.BUT ARE WE GOING TO DO ITSENSIBLY, THE NEW HAMPSHIREWEIGHT?WE WILL NOT LET COMPANIES DROPTHEIR PLANS ON US ANY OLD WAY.WE HAVE TO BE AT THE TABLE.WE CANNOT BE PASSIVE ANYMORE.WE HAVE TO FIND THE RIGHTSOLUTIONS AND GET IT ON OUR WAY.1100 MEGAWATTS OF CLEAN,RENEWABLE ENERGY?HOW DO WE SAY NO TO THAT WHEN WEHAVE THE HIGHEST ENERGY RATES INTHE COUNTRY?WE SOME HELP RATEPAYERS.AND OF COURSE, WE HAVE TO LOOKAT OUR RENEWABLE ENERGYPORTFOLIO.WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY AS MANYKNOW, I AM AN ENVIRONMENTALENGINEER AND I'VE WORKED ONTHESE PROJECTS FOR A LARGE PARTOF MY CAREER.I THINK WE HAVE AN CRIPPLEOPPORTUNITY HERE JUST TO BESMARTER, TO BE BETTER, TO BE THESHINING EXAMPLE OF THERENEWABLEENERGY PORTFOLIO THAT LOOKS ATWIND AND BIOMASS AND SOLAR,GEOTHERMAL, WHATEVER ITIS.YOU HAVE TO DESIGN THE PORTFOLIOON A SYSTEM THAT IS MEANT FOR US.EVERY STATE IS DIFFERENT.SHOULD WE HAVE THE SAME SOLARSTANDARDS AS ARIZONA?MAYBE NOT.MAYBE NOT.WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THATBALANCE.I THINK OVER THE PAST 20, 30YEARS, THE ENVIRONMENTALMOVEMENT HAS DONE A WORLD OFGOOD, BROUGHT REAL DATA TO THETABLE, SO WE CAN BE SMARTER ANDDON'T HAVE TO THROW SPAGHETTI ATTHE WALL ANYMORE.WHEN WE ARE MAKING CHOICES ONTHE RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO,WE ARE LOOKING AT THE ECONOMICAND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, NOTJUST TO SIGNING OFF ON EVERYTHING IT COMES TO OURSOMETIMES WHEN WE SAYNO TO THE PROJECT, IT IS NOT TOTHROW THE PROJECT OUT.IT IS TO TAKE THE MONEY ANDINVEST IN PROJECTS THAT MAKESENSE TO US.WE CAN DO IT.WITH THE BRAINPOWER IN THISROOM, I KNOW WE CAN.IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE, ANDIF WE GET TOGETHER, ENERGY RATESARE NOT GOING TO DROP TOMORROW,BUT WE HAVE TO LAY THEFOUNDATION FOR 5, 10, 20 YEARSDOWN THE ROAD, AGAIN, DIFFERENTINDIVIDUALS AND FOUNDERS OF THESTATE, BUSINESSES OF THE STATE,THAT WE ARE GETTING THE JOBDONE.[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: THANK YOU.SO, GIVEN THESE PRIORITIES,UNDERSTANDING THESE PRIORITIES,WE TALK ABOUT JOBS, WORKFORCE,SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS, THEENVIRONMENT, OUR KIDS.WHEN YOU KEEP ALL OF THAT INMIND, THERE IS 2 WORDS -- IFTHERE IS ANYTHING YOU TAKE OUTOF THIS SPEECH, AND TRUST ME,I'M -- I DON'T WANT TO MAKE ITTOO LONG.BUT IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOUTAKE OUT OF IT, CUSTOMERSERVICE.WHATEVER WE DO, WE HAVE TOUNDERSTAND IT IS ABOUT THEINDIVIDUALS AGAIN, IT IS ABOUTTHE BUSINESSES.HOW ARE WE INTERACTING WITHTHEM, HOW ARE WE CREATING ASYSTEM THEY CAN INTERACT WITH?WE CAN HAVE THE BEST PROGRAMS INTHE WORLD AND CONCORDE, BUTINDIVIDUALS IN THEIR HOMESTRYING TO GET SOMEONE ONMEDICAID, TRYING TO HELP A LOVEDONE, TRYING TO APPLY FOR AGRANT, BID ON A CONTRACT WITHTHE STATE -- IF THEY CANNOTINTEGRATE WITH US AND KNOWTHOSE OPPORTUNITIES, WE'RE DOINGTHEM A DISSERVICE.IT IS CUSTOMER SERVICE FORINDIVIDUALS, WHAT WE DO AND HOWWE DO IT.[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: AND IF I MAY, ONTHAT NOTE, LET US THINK OF ANENGINEER -- I'M AN ENGINEER, I'MALWAYS TRY TO REVERSE ENGINEERTHINGS.WE CAN HAVE GREAT SYSTEMS HERE,BUT WE HAVE TO THINKDIFFERENTLY.IF WE START WITH THE INDIVIDUAL,BUSINESSES, START WITH THESCHOOLS, THE KIDS IN THECLASSROOMS, DON'T

TRY TO HITTHEM AND THEIR NEEDS INTO THESYSTEM WE HAVE CREATED.GO OUTSIDE THE BOX.SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO WORKHARDER, REENGINEER THINGS.WE NEED TO RE-CREATE T SYSTEMTHAT MEETS THEIR NEEDS BECAUSETHEIR NEEDS OF TODAY ARE NOT THESAME AS THEIR NEEDS OF FIVE OR10 OR 20 YEARS AGO.WE HAVE TO GET AGGRESSIVE ABOUTIT.IT MIGHT TAKE A LITTLE EXTRAWORK.AGAIN, WE HAVE THE PEOPLE TO DOIT AND WE HAVE TO MAKE THATCOMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF NEWHAMPSHIRE, THAT THEY WILL COMEFIRST EVERY TIME.[APPLAUSE]GOV. Sununu: NEW HAMPSHIRE IS AGREAT STATE.IT IS A GREAT STATE, AND IFINISH WHERE I STARTED.IF YOU ARE SITTING IN THIS ROOM,YOU LOVE THIS STATE.WE SHARE THOSE COMMON VALUES,THOSE COMMON GOALS.WE HAVE DIFFERENT WAYS OFGETTING THERE.LET US NOT LET THE POLITICALATTITUDE OF YESTERDAY OVERCOMEWHAT WE NEED TO DO TOMORROW.WE HAVE TO MAKE A COMMITMENT.1.3 MILLION PEOPLE OUT THERE ARELOOKING AT THIS CHAMBER RIGHTNOW AND SAYING, THEY GOING TO DOA DIFFERENT LEAGUE, OR IS IT THESAME THING OVER AND OVER AGAIN?ARE THEY GOING TO DO ITDIFFERENTLY AND BE POSITIVE ANDOPEN AND NOT JUST USEBIPARTISANSHIP AS A TAGLINE ANDON A TWITTER FEED?WE HAVE TO COMMIT OURSELVES ANDPUT ACTION BEHIND THOSE WORDS,FIND OUR COMMON GROUND, BEENERGETIC, BE OPTIMISTIC, BEINCLUSIVE, GO TO THE OUTER EDGETHAT WE ARE NOT USED TO GOING.I AM GOING TO HAVE MY FIRSTMEETING THIS AFTERNOON AND I'MGOING TO MAKE SURE THAT FIRSTMEETING BRINGS IN DEMOCRATLEADERSHIP AS WELL AS REPUBLICANLEADERSHIP, TOO.YOU GUYS ARE INVITED.[LAUGHTER]GOV. Sununu: BUT IT ISIMPORTANT.IT IS NOT SYMBOLIC, IT IS REAL.I AM GOING TO SIT DOWN TOGETHERAND FIND OUT WHAT WE CAN DOTOGETHER, WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH, GRABBED THE LOW HANGING FRUIT,UNDERSTAND WHERE WE MAY DIFFER,AND TAKE THE CHALLENGES OF THESTATE HEAD ON.IF WE DON'T, THOSE ARE THE FOLKSWE ARE LETTING DOWN.WE CAN BE A SHINING EXAMPLE TOTHE REST OF THE COUNTRY, GIVENOUR FIRST IN THE NATION PRIMARY,GIVEN OUR INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERLEGISLATURE.THAT IS A RESPONSIBILITY WECANNOT FORGO.I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FORTHIS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY.LET'S KEEP YOU HAVE TO MOVINGFORWARD AND LET'S DO ITTOGETHER.THANK YOU GUYS SO MUCH.THANK YOU.THANK YOU VERY MUCH.THANK YOU.THANK YOU, GUYS.[APPLAUSE]JOSH: AN ADDRESS THAT LASTEDUNDER 20 MINUTES.GOVERNOR SUNUNU STARTED TALKINGAT 11:58, WRAPS UP AT 12:17.IT DOES SEEM APPARENT THAT AS WEWERE TOLD COMING INTO THIS, ITWAS NOT GOING TO BE A SCRIPTED

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