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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Charles J. Fogarty, at 4:05 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 49 Senators present. PRESENT - 49; Senators Algiere, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Igliazzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

INVOCATION

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Kelly, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Kelly, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

GUEST

Upon suggestion of Senators Celona, Montalbano and Kelly, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Anthony R. Marciano, former State Senator from North Providence.

APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, presents the following appointment from His Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the following appointment and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, PROVIDENCE

Lincoln Almond
Governor
January 4, 2000

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution entitled Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court;

Gilbert V. Indeglia of Kingston
VICE
Associate Justice Henry Gemma, Jr.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

LINCOLN ALMOND
Governor

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Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

NEW BUSINESS

Senators Revens, Walaska, McCaffrey, Lenihan, Sasso and others present (00-52005) An Act authorizing the city of Warwick to issue bonds - and notes in an amount not to exceed \$26,500,000 for school purposes.

Senator Revens requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Revens, seconded by Senators Lenihan, McCaffrey and Walaska, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, under suspension of the rules, upon a roll call vote with 45 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 46; Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Igliozi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

NAYS -0.

Senator Cicilline, Paiva Weed and Walton present (00-5 2006) Senate Resolution congratulating Sergeant 1st Class William McCollum on being named Veteran of the Year 1999.

Senator Cicilline requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Cicilline, seconded by Senators Paiva Weed and Walton, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, under suspension of the rules, upon a voice vote.

Senators Irons, Cote, Montalbano, Coderre, McBurney and others present (00-5 2007) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Issa, Celona, McDonald, Raptakis, Tocco and others present (00-5 2008) An Act relating to state affairs and government- pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Issa, Flynn, Breene, Graziano, McBurney and others present (00-S 2009 An Act relating to curriculum.

Read and referred to the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare.

Senators McBurney, Irons, Coderre, Montalbano and Perry present (00-5 2010) An Act relating to jury lists.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Sosnowski presents (00-5 2011) An Act relating to towns and cities New Shoreham water supply system.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Lenihan, Raptakis, Blais, Breene, Alves and others present (00-5 2012) An Act relating to state affairs and government- tourism districts.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation. Senators Kells, Montalbano, Felag, DaPonte, -Walton and others present (00-5 2013) An Act relating to sports, racing, and athletics - division of racing and athletics.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Sasso, Revens, Walaska and McCaffrey present (00-5 2014) An Act relating to sales and use tax - allocation for Route 5 improvements,

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Kells, Celona, Tocco, Fogarty, Cote and others present (00-5 2015) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles - registration of vehicles.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor or

to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Kelly, seconded by -

Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Tocco, the Senate adjourns at 4:17 o'clock P.M., on a unanimous rising vote, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Ralph R. aRusso of Johnston. (See Appendix for Remarks)

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Clerk of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR PAUL S. KELLY

As we again begin anew, Lord, we ask that strength and courage be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding. May the good that lies in each of us be magnified and remain with us every day of this new year. We ask that you bestow a special blessing of good health:and happiness on each member of this chamber and their families.Amen.

Appendix

RECESS IN MEMORY OF RALPH R. aRUSSO

SENATOR WILLIAM P. TOCCO, JR.

As you all know, our former Mayor from Johnston, Ralph R. aRusso, passed away on December 27, 1999. A loving and caring husband, father, grandfather and to the rest a great man, and great friend.

Mayor aRusso was born April 26, 1923 one of twelve 12 children to Thomas and Maria Russo. He attended the public schools in Johnston. Continued his education at Bryant College; took courses at the Grove City Radio School in Pennsylvania and Corpus C Christi Radar School in Corpus Christi Texas. His education continued at Johnson Wales where he studied banking; business law at the Industrial National Bank in Providence and human relations and life insurance in New York City.

He joined the US Marine Corps and spent four years in that branch of service of which 18 months were spent in the Asiatic Pacific combat zone where he served in the Okinawa Operation.

He began his career as an agent for Met Life Ins. and - remained there for 14 years; served as an Asst. Bank Mgr, for the former Greater Providence Trust Co., where he later became Finance Director for the Town of Johnston. He remained active in politics and in 1970 was elected Town Administrator and in 1971 and served in that capacity as Administrator and Mayor for 24 years.

Mayor aRusso married the former Tina Butera and have 6 children, Dennis, David, Donna, Denise and Diane, 8 grandchildren and very soon to be 9 grandchildren.

Mayor aRusso began his journey into life in 1923 was laid to rest on the very last day of the century. The Alpha and the Omega - a great man, a great friend - may he always rest in peace. Gob Bless!!

As always, your [comments](#) concerning this page are welcomed and appreciated.

Thank you for stopping by!

