

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Thursday, January 4, 2007

Third Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:20 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 32 Senators present and 6 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 32: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 6: Senators Alves, DaPonte, Lanzi, Lenihan, Pichardo, Raptakis.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Algieri, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Algieri, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Second Legislative Day of the 2007 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Algieri, and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal approved as recorded.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
SENATE CHAMBER**

January 3, 2007

Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Montalbano:

I am writing to inform you that I will unfortunately be absent from tomorrow's Senate Session, Thursday, January 4, 2007. Please know I will be out of state on business.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Leonidas P. Raptakis
Senator – District 33

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
SENATE CHAMBER**

January 4, 2007

Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Montalbano:

I am writing this letter to respectfully notify you that I will be absent from Senate Session today, Thursday, January 4, 2007, due to a work conflict.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Beatrice A. Lanzi
Senator – District 26

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Connors announces that the Committee on Rules will meet on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Gallo, seconded by Senator Levesque, the Senate adjourns at 4:26 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR DENNIS L. ALGIERE**

As we reconvene in the Senate Chamber, let us once again contemplate our reasons for being here. Let us also ask of our Creator that he bestow special blessings today on us all and properly guide us in serving the people of our State. Amen.