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Fifth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:04 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 35: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 3: Senators Alves, DaPonte, Lenihan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Levesque, Paiva Weed and Felag, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Portsmouth High School Baseball Team, 2006 Rhode Island Interscholastic League Division II State Baseball Champions, Nicholas Comfort, David Nelligan, Ryan Westmoreland, Brendan Solecki, John Pedrotty, James Ayars, Matthew Rogers, Daniel Yates-Berg, Nicholas Grande, Brian Shelburne, James Houk, John Sleeper, Connor MacLeod, Philip Dugan, Dylan Stone, Andrew Kirwin, Daniel Corrigan, Christopher Larsen, Mathew Billington along with David Ulmschneider, Head Coach, Ronald Westmoreland, Assistant Coach, Arthur St. Pierre, Assistant Coach, Robert Campion, Assistant Coach and Larry Dame, Assistant Coach.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

January 10, 2007

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the chamber from Wednesday, January 10, 2007 through Tuesday, January 16, 2007 as I will be out of town.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Daniel DaPonte
Senator – District 14

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 31**

BY Senators Issa, Walaska, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Bates

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A TAIWAN -- U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (TUFTA)

Senator Issa requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Issa moves passage, seconded by Senator Walaska.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 32

BY Senators Metts, Pichardo, Montalbano J

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Metts moves passage, seconded by Senators Pichardo, Ciccone, Paiva Weed, Jabour, Ruggerio, McBurney and many others.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 33

BY Senators Perry

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ALICE OYER

Senator Perry requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Perry moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a rising vote.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Paiva Weed, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Perry, the Senate adjourns at 4:23 o'clock P.M. in memory of Alice Oyer.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ROGER R. BADEAU

Almighty God, help us through the stresses and strains of the day by granting us your serenity and peace. Amen.