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Thursday, March 15, 2007

Twenty-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 4:12 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 34: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Badeau, Doyle, Lenihan, Revens.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents The Reverend John Codega, from Christ the King Church in West Warwick, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem is performed by Marie O'Loughlin Jenkins, Senate Policy Analyst.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-second Legislative Day of the 2007 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Martha Fogarty, mother of Senator Fogarty along with Ann McCoy and Austine Coyne.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Michael McCaffrey, son of Senator McCaffrey.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable A. Ralph Mollis, Secretary of State, the Honorable John Sisto, Mayor of North Providence and the Honorable John Fleming, Councilor-elect of North Providence.

Upon suggestion of Senators Ciccone and Jabour and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Val Lombardi, Pasquel Zompa and John Lynch.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ciccone and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Sofia-Rose Lanzi, daughter of Senator Lanzi.

Upon suggestion of Senator Blais and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Michael Sullivan Director of the Department of Environmental Management and a former State Senator.

By unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Dan Ryan and Cynthia Stein.

By unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Mary Bray, President of the Pawtucket City Council and the Honorable John J. Barry III, Councilman from the City of Pawtucket.

By unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Irene Lynch, mother of the Honorable Patrick Lynch, Attorney General and our guest speaker of the day.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 855**

BY Senators Gallo, Lanzi, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING BOARDS (would allow the city of Cranston to appoint four (4) alternate members to its zoning board of review) {LC2587/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 856

BY Senators Perry, Connors, Sosnowski, Miller, Tassoni

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADEQUATE SHELTER, ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERVICES FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF THE WELCOME ARNOLD SHELTER, AND FOR ANY NEW PERSON OR FAMILY THAT FINDS THEMSELVES IN A HOMELESS SITUATION {LC2659/1}

Senator Perry requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Perry moves passage, seconded by Senators Jabour and Miller.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 857

BY Senators Maselli, Ruggerio, Ciccone, Lanzi, Tassoni

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY {LC2633/1}

Senator Maselli requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Maselli moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 858

BY Senators Levesque C, Alves, McCaffrey, Connors, Fogarty P

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY {LC2632/1}

Senator Levesque requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Levesque moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:20 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****REVEREND JOHN CODEGA**

Lord, God... We invoke the name of Saint Joseph, guardian of the redeemer, and protector and provider to your holy family. We call upon his name, not because he was divine, but that he knew the will of the Divine. In doing your will, oh God, he has achieved the reward of eternal life in your presence. With generations standing before us, we now call upon his intercession to perfect our imperfect prayers to place them before your throne. That we may be guardian to those whom you have entrusted to us, that we may acknowledge all authority and wisdom must come from you, we place our most basic needs before your blessed table. May we bring labor to those who seek work, we pray, may we bring shelter to those without homes, we pray, may we bring food to those who hunger, we pray, may we bring life to those who have no voice, we pray. Good and gracious God hear our voices united before you in thanksgiving for all your blessings, in petition for all your graces and in witness to all our challenges. We ask this, through your holy name, Father, Son and Spirit, now and forever, Amen.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007:****1 Appointment of Jerome F. Williams of Barrington VICE James Capaldi as Director of the Department of Transportation.**

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this appointment.

2 2007-S 48**BY Bates****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3 2007-S 55 SUB A**BY Walaska****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- UNIFORM DEBT-MANAGEMENT SERVICES ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

4 2007-S 87**BY Perry****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE INVESTMENT COMMISSION -- INVESTMENTS IN SUDAN

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

5 2007-H 5066**BY Naughton****ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

6 2007-H 5083 SUB A**BY Corvese****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- UNIFORM DEBT-MANAGEMENT SERVICES ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

7 2007-H 5114

BY Fox

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate