

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Journal of the Senate

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Tuesday, January 1, 2008
NEW YEARS DAY

First 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.

Upon the motion of Senator Paiva Weed, seconded by Senator Algieri, and by unanimous consent, the 2007 Senate session is adjourned.

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:05 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, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Badeau, DaPonte, Pichardo, Revens.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Day of the 2007 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Ciccone and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Rachel Goldstein.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber members of Senator Alves family, his wife, Debra, parents, Bud and Ann Alves and his siblings, Donna Paliotta, Sharon Raiche and her husband David, Chuck Alves and Kathy Vinton

Upon suggestion of Senator McBurney, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber members of Senator Doyle's family, his wife, Jackie, son, Jamie, daughter Paige and mother-in-law Sandra Fiore.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
SENATE CHAMBER

January 1, 2008

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday January 1, Wednesday, January 2, and Thursday, January 3, 2008.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Senator Daniel Da Ponte
Senate District 14

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No.2000****BY** Walaska, Paiva-Weed, Montalbano J, Goodwin, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ITS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SALLY JANE RAINVILLE

Senator Walaska requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Walaska moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No.2001**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF HERITAGE REMODELING, LTD.

Senator Felag requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senator Connors.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 33: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Paiva Weed, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Frank Caprio, General Treasurer of the State of Rhode Island.

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

CONGRADULATIONS

Senator Paiva Weed extends congratulations and best wishes to Senator Perry on the birth of her granddaughter, Paige Alexis Perry, born on Christmas Day. The entire Senate joins in wishing all the best to Senator Perry on this Special occasion.

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 Walaska, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Alves, the Senate adjourns at 4:21 o'clock P.M. in memory Sally Jane Rainville, loving sister of Senator Alves, a beloved Business Education teacher at West Warwick High School, who was loved and cherished by all who came to know her. She will be greatly missed, but always remembered.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR JOHN F. MCBURNEY III**

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 may the true spirit of the Holiday Season, especially its hope and abiding faith, 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.