

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Journal of the Senate

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Ninth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:13 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 37: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Badeau

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Eighth Legislative Day of the 2008 proceedings is read in part.

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President presents the following communication from His Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

January 23, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-59-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Board of Governors for Higher Education:

Pierre L. LaPerriere of Exeter

for a term expiring January 31, 2010.

To this reappointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2008:**

1 Nomination of Gary S. Sasse (appointment) of East Greenwich VICE Beverly Najarian (Interim Director) as Director of the Department of Revenue.

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Senator Alves, seconded by Senators Perry, Paiva Weed, Algieri, Breene, Bates, Blais, Gibbs, Walaska, McBurney, Gallo, Goodwin, Fogarty, Sheehan, Ciccone, Cote, Lenihan, Felag, Sosnowski and many others moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

Senators Sheehan and Paiva Weed discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Alves and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Gary S. Sasse of East Greenwich newly confirmed Director of the Department of Revenue, along with his wife Glenda and his granddaughter Emily.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Issa announces that the Committee on Education will meet Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Lenihan announces that the Committee on Government Oversight will meet Monday, January 28, 2008, at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Senator Sheehan announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Paiva Weed announces that the Senate will not meet tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:27 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR MICHAEL J. MCCAFFREY

Almighty God, we ask that you aid us in putting forth our best efforts as leaders of our State, as we attempt to make Rhode Island a better place for our people to live. Amen.