

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Thursday, January 7, 2010

Third Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, Madam President of the Senate, at 4:12 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 Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Maher

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 Madam 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's of the First and Second Legislative Day's of the 2010 proceedings are read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Jabour and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the mother of Senator Pinga, Anna Pinga.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

January 7, 2010

Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend the Senate sessions on Wednesday, January 6th and Thursday, January 7th, 2010, due to a health issue. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Francis T. Maher, Jr.
DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2003**

BY Senators Pichardo, Goodwin, Perry, Tassoni, Paiva Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- RENAMING THE RHODE ISLAND TRAINING SCHOOL

Senator Pichardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Connors, Metts, Tassoni, DaPonte, McBurney, Sosnowski, Gallo, Lanzi and Ciccone.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2004

BY Senator McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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BY Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE AND
AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL SENATE
COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PROHIBITION OF MARIJUANA

Upon motion of Senator Miller, seconded by Senator Perry and Blais the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, 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 Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

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 Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet on Tuesday, January 12th, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senators Algiere and Connors the Senate adjourns at 4:20 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR MICHAEL J. MCCAFFREY

Lord, with your guidance, may we be kind in our judgments, diligent in our wisdom, and humble in our power. Amen.