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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, Madam President of the Senate, at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 38: 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, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 0:

**INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2072****BY** Senator Metts**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 Algieri, Connors, Picard, Perry, Lenihan, and the entire Senate.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

Senator Walaska asks to remove item 1(2010-S 2069) from the Consent Calendar and added to the Regular Calendar.

**1. 2010-S 2069****BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION TO RETAIN THE SIMON CHEVROLET/GENERAL MOTORS FRANCHISE IN WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND**2. 2010-S 2070****BY** McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE PAWTUCKET TEACHERS ALLIANCE**3. 2010-S 2071****BY** Doyle**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHRISTOPHER R. GAUTHIER

Upon motion of Senator Connors, seconded by Senator Algieri, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 37: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan,

Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

### CALENDAR

#### IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010:

1. **2010-S 2069**

**BY Picard**

**ENTITLED,** SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION TO RETAIN THE SIMON CHEVROLET/GENERAL MOTORS FRANCHISE IN WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Senator Picard moves passage, seconded by Senator Cote.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS- 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, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS- 0:

ABSTAINED- 1: Senator Walaska

### 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 DaPonte announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Maselli announces that the Committee on Rules will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Doyle seconded by Senators Connors and Algiere and upon suggestion of Senator Doyle the Senate adjourns at 4:32 o'clock P.M. in memory of Christopher R. Gauthier.

JOSEPH R. BRADY  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix****INVOCATION****SENATOR HAROLD M. METTS**

O' Lord we thank you for freeing us from the bands of wickedness of slavery and Jim Crow. We thank you for the life and legacy of the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the sacrifices and contributions of countless others who toiled so faithfully for freedom. Father, many challenges remain. Help us to ease the burdens of those struggling to feed their families, keep a roof over their heads, and to find a job. Lord help us to break the yokes of economic oppression and restore hope to our brothers and sisters. We thank you Father for this country and state. Please give us the wisdom, compassion and passion to be a blessing to others. Amen.