

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Journal of the Senate

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Wednesday, January 5, 2011

Second Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:07 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 2: Senators DiPalma, Nesselbush.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the first Legislative Day of the 2011 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Cote and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Students from Providence College Nicholas DiPardo of Woonsocket and John Looney of Milton, Massachusetts.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

January 5, 2011

Rhode Island State House
State House
Providence, RI 02903

To The Honorable Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of the Senate Democratic Caucus, I am making the following appointments for the years 2011 and 2012:

Majority Whip – Senator Maryellen Goodwin
Deputy Majority Whip – Senator William A. Walaska

Sincerely,

M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

January 5, 2011

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

Dear President Paiva Weed:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be out of town and therefore absent from the chamber on Wednesday, January 5, 2011.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Donna M. Nesselbush
Senate District 15

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

January 5, 2011

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

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on January 5, 2011.

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

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Louis P. DiPalma
Senator District 12

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 1

BY Senator Algiere

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 14TH OF 2011 AS
"WESTERLY LIONS CLUB DAY" IN WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND {LC2/1}

Senator Algiere requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Algiere moves passage, seconded by Senator Ruggerio.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2**BY** Senator Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Senator Felag requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Algieri, McCaffrey and Goodwin.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, 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 Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri the Senate adjourns at 4:17 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR MARYELLEN GOODWIN**

Almighty and Most Merciful Father, We ask you that you send down your strength in order for these men and woman to better serve this state and the constituents which whom they represent. We also ask for your continued guidance all the days of this Legislative Session. Amen.