

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Journal of the Senate

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Seventh 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 4:16 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, Ciccone, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 78**BY** Senators Miller, Perry**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE EMERGENCE OF THE JEWISH ALLIANCE OF GREATER RHODE ISLAND

Senator Miller requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senators Algiere, Ruggerio, Perry, McCaffrey, Jabour, Ciccone and Pichardo.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 79**BY** Senators Lynch, Shibley**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THOMAS G. CAVANAGH

Senator Lynch requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lynch moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Algiere, Ruggerio, Jabour and the entire senate.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Senator Pinga announces that the Committee on Government Oversight will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Tassoni announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Jabour announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate stands at recess at 4:24 o'clock P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Thursday, January 20, 2011, at 5:44 o'clock P.M.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

January 20, 2011

Mr. Joseph R. Brady
Secretary of the Senate
State House, Room 145
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Secretary Brady:

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that my name be withdrawn from 2011 Senate Bill 0007. I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Frank Lombardo III
Senator – District 25

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

House Bill No. 5050

BY Melo, Silva, O'Neill JP, Mattiello

ENTITLED, AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Senator DaPonte requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DaPonte moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Felag and Ciccone.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 3 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 3: Senators Kettle, Maher, Moura.

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 reconvene in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator DeVall announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will reconvene in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Lynch the Senate adjourns at 5:48 o'clock P.M. in memory of Thomas G. Cavanagh.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR DAVID E. BATES**

Guide us, Lord, towards a deeper understanding of the needs of the people of our State; may we be instrumental in serving those needs. Let us work to improve the lives of those who have no voice in their government. Amen.