

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Tenth 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 4:10 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, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Lombardo, Pinga.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

February 03, 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I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that the following bill be withdrawn at the sponsor's request. The legislation I would like to have withdrawn is 2011 Senate Bill 0096. I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Senator David E. Bates
District 32

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

February 1, 2011

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

Dear Senate President:

I would like to inform you that unfortunately I will be unable to attend session on Thursday, February 3rd and also on Tuesday, February 8th I will be out of Town.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Frank Lombardo III
Senator District 25

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

February 1, 2011

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

The Honorable Gordon D. Fox
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House Room 323
Providence, RI 02903

Re: 2012 Budget Extension

Dear President Paiva Weed and Speaker Fox:

I respectfully request your consent to an extension of time within which to submit the 2012 Budget to the General Assembly. Under current law, the Budget would be due on Thursday, February 3, 2011. Instead, with your consent, I propose to submit the Budget no later than Thursday, March 10, 2011. Attached for your review is proposed legislation which would accomplish this change. Please let me know if you are amenable to this extension.

Yours sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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 31, 2011

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation:

Jerauld C. Adams
(representing small business)

VICE
Donna Cupelo

for a term expiring February 1, 2015.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

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

January 31, 2011

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation:

Helena Buonanno Foulkes
Vice Chair

VICE
Alfred Verrecchia
(resigned)

for a term expiring February 1, 2014.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

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

January 31, 2011

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation:

Stanley Weiss
(representing small business)

VICE
Shivan S. Subramaniam

for a term expiring February 1, 2015.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 173

BY Senator Fogarty

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS AT THE BURRILLVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL ON THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Senator Fogarty requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Algieri and Tassoni.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Fogarty and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber from the Burrillville Middle School, members of "A Better Community Coat Drive, Councilman Ed Blanchard, parent Lisa Blanchard, chair Ally Simpson, students William Robinson, Brandon Greene, Kathryn Phelan, Mara Carlow, Samantha Hopkins, teachers Terry Robinson, Kevin Stockwell, Eric Tupper, Karen Hundley and school nurse Kathy McCann.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 84

BY Senators Sosnowski, Paiva Weed, Goodwin, Algieri, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SOUTH KINGSTOWN'S EMS DEPARTMENT FOR BECOMING A "HEARTSAFE COMMUNITY"

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Algiere and Maher.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 85

BY Senators Sosnowski, Paiva Weed, Goodwin, Algiere, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING STEPHEN W. LOGAN ON BEING NAMED THE NEW STATE GRANGE MASTER

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Algiere, Ruggerio, Kettle and Hodgson.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 172

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MICHAEL A. PETERSON

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio and Algiere.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 136

BY Senators Metts, Pichardo, Jabour, Perry, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CHECK CASHING (would establish a two (2) mile protection radius for existing check cashing businesses)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 137**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Algiere, Bates, Felag, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT, REGULATION, AND ENFORCEMENT TO COMPREHENSIVELY INVOLVE FISHERMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OFFSHORE ENERGY PROJECTS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 138**BY** Senators Tassoni, Fogarty P, DiPalma, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (require any person hired at an animal shelter, new employee or current employee, subsequent to 1/1/12, to achieve a certain level of training offered by the National Animal Control Association in order to be hired or to maintain employment)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 139**BY** Senators DiPalma, Ottiano, Bates, Felag, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT -- TRANSPORTATION OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS -- PEACE OFFICERS (would require any company transporting liquefied natural gas into or out of the State of Rhode Island to utilize peace officers for the protection and enforcement)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 140**BY** Senators Tassoni, Lombardo, Doyle, Perry, DeVall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - DOGS (would provide guidelines and penalties for any person that keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter from the elements chapter on cruelty to animals)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 141**BY** Senators Tassoni, Bates, Lombardo, Perry, DeVall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY (would create an animal abuser registry and would provide for penalties for failure to register)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 142**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Algiere, McCaffrey, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - SEPARATION OF POWERS - COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (would change the method by which members to the Coastal Resource Management Council are appointed to comply with the Separation of Powers Constitutional Amendment)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 143**BY** Senators Fogarty P, Perry, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- RHODE ISLAND SPAY AND NEUTER FUND (would establish the Rhode Island Spay and Neuter Fund to assist residents of the state in paying all or part of any costs associated with reducing the numbers of homeless animals through spaying and neutering)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 144**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Gallo, Lanzi, Tassoni, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT (would amend the procedures set forth in the School Bus Safety Enforcement Act)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 145**BY** Senator Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - TEACHERS RETIREMENT (would allow all public school teachers who were paid by federal funds to purchase creditable retirement service time for that employment)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 146

BY Senators Walaska, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES -- PRIVATE ATTORNEY RETENTION SUNSHINE ACT (would adopt a uniform law governing contracts or agreements by the state with attorneys for contracts in excess of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000))

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 147

BY Senators O'Neill E, Sheehan, Picard, Algieri, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE TAX (would provide all net taxable estates with an exemption from the estate and transfer tax of two million dollars (\$2,000,000))

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 148

BY Senator DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TRANSPORTATION FUND (would create a separate fund to be used for transportation maintenance and expansion. The fund would consist of monies generated by a forty dollar (\$40.00) surcharge on vehicle registrations)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 149

BY Senators Metts, Pichardo, Jabour, Gallo, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (would prohibit housing aid from being used in the costs of remediation and it would also prohibit siting schools on toxic waste sites)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 150**BY** Senator Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES (would require senators and representatives to pay a share for their health insurance benefits equal to a minimum of 15% of the cost of benefits and would prohibit any payment or state subsidy for waiving said health insurance benefits)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 151**BY** Senators DeVall, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING HATTIE IDE CHAFFEE NURSING HOME TO RECEIVE, HOLD, TRANSMIT AND CONVEY REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE TO AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 152**BY** Senators Ciccone, Sheehan, DiPalma, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES (would permit the property committee to hire or consult outside experts)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 153**BY** Senators DiPalma, Sheehan, O'Neill E, Nesselbush, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES (would require the chief purchasing officer as well as all public corporations and quasi-public agencies to monitor all state contracts with a value of greater than \$500,000 for certain changes)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 154**BY** Senators Sheehan, DiPalma, Ciccone, O'Neill E, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (would add certain definitions regarding "construction management at-risk" services to the state purchases chapter)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 155

BY Senators Ciccone, Sheehan, DiPalma, O'Neill E, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES (would require that determinations made regarding state purchases be in detail and made available to the public. The act would also require that an online database of determinations be maintained)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 156

BY Senator Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH, RETARDATION AND HOSPITALS - COMMUNITY RESIDENCES (would waive reimbursement for funds for certain expenses provided to operators of non-profit community residences after a period of ten (10) years has elapsed since receipt of the funds by the operator)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 157

BY Senator Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FURNISH THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE WITH A SUPPLY OF PURE WATER (would further the Pawtuxet River Authority's mission to remove the Pawtuxet Village Dam (dam project)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Municipal Government.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 158

BY Senators Sosnowski, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES (would add plant agriculture as a permitted use within a residential zoning district, except where prohibited for public safety reasons)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Municipal Government.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 159

BY Senators Cote, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION - WOONSOCKET (would give all owners of eligible properties a two year period after

certification of their property is made and taxes are abated to make all repairs required to make the properties habitable) {LC7/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Municipal Government.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 160

BY Senators Tassoni, Doyle, Hodgson, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY (would make it a misdemeanor for anyone to confine any animal in a motor vehicle in such a manner that places it in a life or health threatening situation by exposure to a prolonged period of extreme heat or cold)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 161

BY Senators Metts, Pichardo, Jabour, Perry, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (would allow the issuance of a court ordered certificate of rehabilitation. This certificate would enable those who have successfully completed their court-imposed sentences to more easily gain reentry into society)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 162

BY Senators Tassoni, Cote, Maher, Pinga

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (MARRIAGE)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 163

BY Senators Crowley, DeVall

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND GENERAL ELECTIONS (would amend the title of chapter 17-15 to include general elections and allow local boards, with the approval of the board of elections, to combine two (2) or more voting districts)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 164**BY** Senators Lynch, DiPalma, Lanzi, Picard, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS (would join Rhode Island in an agreement among states to elect the president and vice president by national popular vote)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 165**BY** Senators Perry, Metts, Miller, DeVall, Lynch**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CORRECTIONS (would set standards for the treatment of pregnant prisoners)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 166**BY** Senator Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (would include a campus police officer appointed by the board of governors for higher education in the definition of police officer for the purposes of the benefits available for the relief of injured firefighters and police officers)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 167**BY** Senators Ciccone, Ruggerio, Walaska, Picard, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (would authorize and direct the administrator of the division of motor vehicles to issue a Senator Emeritus plate for the private passenger motor vehicle of former senator John F. McBurney III)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 168**BY** Senator Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (would allow firefighter motor vehicle registration plates to be issued to trucks owned by individual firefighters, provided that the truck is not used for business and/or commercial purposes)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 169

BY Senators Tassoni, Bates, Lombardo, Gallo, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
LICENSING AND MONITORING OF CHILDCARE PROVIDERS (would prohibit the issuance of most retailer's licenses for alcoholic beverages and licenses for childcare providers and child-placing agencies where one business would be located within 200 feet of the other business)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 170

BY Senators Tassoni, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - DIRECT WINE SHIPPING (would permit the direct shipping of wine to consumers under the direction of the department of business regulations)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 171

BY Senators DiPalma, DaPonte, Bates, Sheehan, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

Senator Fogarty, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

The appointment of Charles J. Fogarty VICE Sandra M. Powell as the Director of the Department of Labor and Training.

Senator Ciccone seconded by Senators Algieri, Bates, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Gallo, Jabour, Perry, Picard, Sheehan, Sosnowski and Walaska moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

Senator Ruggerio discusses the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative and 2 Senators abstaining as follows:

YEAS- 34: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Gallo, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

ABSTAINED- 2: Goodwin, Fogarty.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the family of the newly appointed Director of the Department of Labor and Training Charles J. Fogarty, his nephew and son of Senator Fogarty, Brendon Fogarty and also Martha Fogarty who is not able to join but will be watching at home.

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

Senator Miller from the Committee on Corporations, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

The appointment of Paul McGreevy VICE A. Michael Marques as the Director of the Department of Business Regulations.

Senator Miller seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Algieri, Bates, Jabour, Gallo, DaPonte, Goodwin, Ottiano, DeVall and Ciccone moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this 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 Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber newly appointed Director of the Department of Business Regulations Paul McGreevy and his partner Nicholas Maione.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2011-S 135**BY O'Neill E**

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PURCHASE AND USE OF TEXTBOOKS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, 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, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Doyle and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the family of the Senate Reading Clerk John S. Baxter Jr., his wife Stephanie and two sons, Cameron and Tyler.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Ruggerio, and upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, the Senate adjourns at 4:34o'clock P.M. in memory Michael A. Peterson.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR PAUL V. JABOUR

Lord, we pray for your guidance in understanding the problems and issues we will face during the General Assembly session. May your supreme law of love and tolerance always guide our actions. Amen.