

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Journal of the Senate

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Nineteenth 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 4:29 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 Algiere, 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, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Pinga

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 385

BY Senators Lombardo, Ciccone

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SCOUTMASTER JOSEPH THOMAS DELPONTE ON RECEIVING THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD

Senator Lombardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Algiere, Cote, Picard, Maher and Doyle.

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

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011:

1. 2011-S 110

BY Fogarty P

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE WEST GLOCESTER FIRE DISTRICT

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senator Tassoni.

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

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Fogarty and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Jamie Hainsworth.

Upon suggestion of Senator Lombardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Joseph DelPonte, Margarita DelPonte, Liuia DelPonte, Donna DelPonte, Peter DelPonte, Antonio Desimone and Helana Fiorezano.

Upon suggestion of Senator O'Neill and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Mr. Dean Lees, former Lincoln Town Council President.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ciccone and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, would like to congratulate Senate Majority Leader Ruggerio on becoming a grandfather.

Upon suggestion of Senator Miller and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Jessica Moschella, Administrative Director of the Massachusetts Health Care Quality and Cost Council.

CALENDAR

2. 2011-S 157

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FURNISH THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
WITH A SUPPLY OF PURE WATER

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senators Tassoni, Perry, Jabour and Pichardo.

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 Algiere, Bates, Ciccone, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Picard announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Walaska announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Sheehan announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

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

Senator Doyle announces that the Committee on Rules will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 of the State House.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senators Algieri and Ruggerio the Senate adjourns at 4:42 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR DONNA M. NESSELBUSH**

Holy mother, father and God we acknowledge your presence on this Ash Wednesday and we ask that you please bestow special blessings on all of us assembled in this Chamber. We ask for your wisdom and guidance in serving those who have elected us and we promise to use sound wisdom and guidance to the best of our ability. Amen