

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Journal of the Senate

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Wednesday, January 2, 2013

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 4:15 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, Archambault, Bates, Ciccone, Conley, Cool Rumsey, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Ruggerio 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 2013 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber her nephew Jack LaRocque.

Upon suggestion of Senator Raptakis and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber former State Representative Myrna George and George Paniches, Jr. of Pawtucket.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

January 2, 2013

Rhode Island State Senate
State House
Providence, RI 02903

To the Honorable Senate:

Pursuant to Section 5.2 of the Interim Senate Rules, I am making the following appointments to the Senate Standing Committees:

Judiciary Committee

Michael J. McCaffrey, Chairperson

Finance Committee

Daniel DaPonte, Chairperson

Corporations Committee

Roger A. Picard, Chairperson

Government Oversight Committee

James C. Sheehan, Chairperson

Housing and Municipal Government Committee

Juan M. Pichardo, Chairperson

Special Legislation Committee

Walter S. Felag, Chairperson

Health and Human Services Committee

Joshua B. Miller, Chairperson

Environment and Agriculture Committee

V. Susan Sosnowski, Chairperson

Education Committee

Hanna M. Gallo, Chairperson

Labor Committee

Paul W. Fogarty, Chairperson

Rules Committee

Erin P Lynch, Chairperson

Sincerely,

M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 1****BY** Paiva Weed, McCaffrey, Conley**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RETIRED RHODE ISLAND SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE JOSEPH R. WEISBERGER

{LC73/1}

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by the Senator Conley.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2**BY** Gallo, Paiva Weed, Ruggiero, DaPonte, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT

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Senator Gallo recommends for immediate consideration on Thursday, January 3, 2013.

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.

(See Appendix for List)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Goodwin yields the floor to Senator Gallo for a brief explanation for immediate consideration on Senate Bill No. 2 pertaining to the Rhode Island Board of Regents.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Ruggerio, and upon suggestion of Senator Conley the Senate adjourns at 4:28o'clock P.M. in memory of Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph R. Weisberger

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DOMINICK J. RUGGERIO

Almighty Father, as the New Year begins, let us continue the work of our previous session. We ask that You bestow a special blessing of good health and happiness on each member of this chamber and their families. Amen.