

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Journal of the Senate

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JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the first day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen.

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Thursday, January 10, 2013

Sixth Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:17 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 DaPonte to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Fifth Legislative Day of the 2013 proceedings is read in part.

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

### GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Ms. Yamil Baez, teacher and friend and Ariana Gomez, intern and friend.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

<b>STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS STATE HOUSE</b>
January 10, 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 appointment:
<b><u>Senate Committee on Education</u></b>
Senator Nicholas D. Kettle
Sincerely,
M. Teresa Paiva Weed President of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

<b>STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS STATE HOUSE</b>
January 10, 2013
Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed President of the Senate 318 State House Providence, RI 02903
Dear President Paiva Weed:
I would like to inform you I will be unable to attend session on Thursday, January 10, 2013 due to illness.

Sincerely,

Hanna M. Gallo  
Senator District, 27

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 8, 2013

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Board of Education:

**Michael A. Grande, CPA, MST of Warwick**

for a term expiring January 31, 2014.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also:

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

January 10, 2013

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 40.1-5-14 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment of Mental Health Advocate:

**Megan N. Clingham**

VICE  
H. Reed Cospers

for a term of five years from the date of Senate confirmation.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

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

Also:

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

January 10, 2013

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

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

**William J. Parsons**

VICE  
Keith W. Stokes

For a term to expire January 31, 2016.

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. 7**

**BY** Lynch, Goodwin, Paiva Weed, Ruggiero, DiPalma

**ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF  
RAYMOND A. LAFAZIA**

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Senator Lynch requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lynch moves passage, seconded by Senators DiPalma and Goodwin.

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

### **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 Goodwin announces that the Senate will meet on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. and follow to the House Chamber at 7:00 o'clock P.M. for the Governors State of the State Budget Address.

Senator Doyle announces that on Wednesday, January 23, the Legislative Summit will meet at the Marriot Providence.

Senator Ruggerio announces that Senate district committees are due at the end of the month.

### **RECESS**

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Ruggerio, and upon suggestion of Senator Lynch, the Senate stands at recess at 4:29 o'clock P.M. in memory of Raymond A. Lafazia.

### **CALLED TO ORDER**

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, January 10, 2013, at 4:14 o'clock P.M.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Ruggerio the Senate adjourns at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

**JOSEPH R. BRADY**  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR DANIEL DAPONTE**

Lord, with your guidance, may we be kind in our judgments, diligent in our wisdom, and humble in our power. Amen.