

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Tuesday, February 6, 2014

Thirteenth 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 4:17 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 Algieri, Archambault, Bates, Ciccone, Conley, Cool Rumsey, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, 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 – 1: Senator DiPalma.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twelfth Legislative Day of the 2014 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Conley 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 Bianca Pavoncello, The Woonsocket Call & The Pawtucket Times Executive Director.

Upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Miriam Plitt and Michelle Karn of the American Heart Association.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

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

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on February 6, 2014, due to a professional obligation.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Louis P. DiPalma
Senator—District 12

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

February 6, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In accordance with Senate Rule 6.5, Hearing and Consideration of Bills, I hereby respectfully request that Senate Bill 2014-S2110, entitled, "AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURING AND WHOLE SALE LICENSES" be scheduled for a hearing before the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dawson T. Hodgson

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

February 6, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In accordance with Senate Rule 6.5, Hearing and Consideration of Bills, I hereby respectfully request that Senate Bill 2014-S2026, entitled, "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT- SELECT COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE FAILURE OF PUBLIC LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAMS" be scheduled for a hearing before the Senate Finance Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dawson T. Hodgson

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 16, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-57-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Fort Adams Foundation:

Greg Hall

(Representing Fort Adams Trust Board of Directors)

for a term expiring January 31, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

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

January 16, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-57-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Fort Adams Foundation:

Robert J. Paquette, CPRP

(Chief, DEM Division of Parks and Recreation)

for a term expiring January 31, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

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

January 16, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-57-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Fort Adams Foundation:

Lee R. Whitaker, AICP
(Representing the Historic Preservation Commission)

for a term expiring January 31, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2296

BY Nesselbush

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH OF 2014
TO BE NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC4031/1}

Senator Nesselbush requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Sosnowski, Crowley, Gallo, Goldin, Cool Rumsey, Picard, Ruggerio and Algiere.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2297

BY Ruggerio, Ciccone, O'Neill, Nesselbush, Archambault

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ERNIE DEGREGORIO, JO-
ANN D'ALESSANDRO, CATHY LANNI, NANCY SANTOPADRE, CHERI SGAMBATO,
CHRIS JONES, MICHELE YELLAND, LIZ REIS, ANTHONY FIOCCO, JESSICA NELSON,

STEPHANIE CORO, AUSTIN VANBEMMELEN AND MICHAEL FERRANTE FOR BEING HONORED ON FEBRUARY 7, 2014 FOR SCORING 1,000 POINTS AS BASKETBALL PLAYERS AT NORTH PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

{LC4126/1}

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senators O'Neill, Archambault and Lombardi.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2295

BY Nesselbush, Crowley, Pichardo, Lombardo, Fogarty

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANITA FINE

{LC3760/1}

Senator Nesselbush requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio and Algieri.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Miller and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Jim Gillen, Holly Cekala, Michelle Harter, George O'Toole, Steven Reid, Mirza Miletty, William Oliver, Elizabeth Fielding and Janice Bisceglia.

Upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Todd Bourassa, Deana, Grenier, Annette Joseph, Christine Cusati, Michael Feldman, James Manning, Steven Reid, Beth Masse, Dale Klatzker, CEO of the Providence Center, Craig Stenning, Director of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2298

BY Picard, DaPonte, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - STATE AID

{LC3954/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

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

Senator Goodwin announces the last day of bill introductions is Thursday, February 13, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senators Ruggerio and Algieri and upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush the Senate adjourns at 4:38 o'clock P.M. in memory of Anita Fine.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR WILLIAM J. CONLEY JR.

Almighty God, we ask that you aid us in putting forth our best efforts as leaders of our State, as we attempt to make Rhode Island a better place for our people to live. Amen.