

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Fourteenth 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 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, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Satchell.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

February 11, 2014

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

Dear President Paiva Weed:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to illness I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Adam J. Satchell
Senate District 09

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Senator McCaffrey from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2171

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow The Honorable F. Herbert Gruendel to join Julia Zajac and Evan Seeman in marriage on or about September 27, 2014, within the Village of Watch Hill, Rhode Island.)
{LC3158/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2170

BY Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Janice Antonellis to join Kathryn Antonellis and Richard D'Amico in marriage on or about June 7, 2014, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC3820/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2157

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow The Honorable Sharon S. Townsend to join Gabriella Margaretha Buerman and Barton Stewart Weinstein in marriage on or about June 21, 2014, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC3781/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2156

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow The Honorable Jacalyn A. Colburn to join Erin Goebel and Jerome Cahill in marriage on or about June 21, 2014, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC3336/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2154

BY Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Joseph Kelley to join Christopher Ackley and Kathleen Kelley in marriage on or about August 16, 2014, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC3898/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2097

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Heather Butler to join Alice Mullen and Corey Rusin in marriage on or about May 31, 2014, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island)
{LC3261/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2096

BY Lynch

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow The Honorable Scott Avedisian to join Nicole Elizabeth Harris and Stewart Reed Campbell in marriage on or about July 19, 2014, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)
{LC3017/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2088

BY Raptakis, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Patricia Marie O'Connell to join Kayla Elizabeth O'Connell and Peter Jordan McLaughlin in marriage on or about July 25, 2014, within the Town of Middletown, Rhode Island)
{LC3291/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2035

BY Felag, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Robert J. Skinner, Esq., to join Tyler R. Lewis, Esq., and Sarah H. Montgomery, Esq., in marriage on or about June 28, 2014, within the Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island.)
{LC3022/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2155

BY McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow the governor to designate any person not having a felony criminal record to solemnize a marriage. The secretary of state would promulgate rules to implement this designation. The certificate for said designation would cost \$150)
{LC3709/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2152 SUB A as amended

BY Pearson, Felag, Ottiano, Cool Rumsey, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OPEN MEETINGS (would exempt fire companies with no tax or policy making authority from the posting requirements of this section)
{LC3875/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2302****BY** Pichardo, Algieri, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Ottiano**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 11TH OF 2014 TO BE UNITED WAY 2-1-1 DAY IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC4552/1}

Senator Pichardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Cristina Amadeo, Director of Untied Way 2-1-1 and the point, Lucious Murchison, Team Leader at 2-1-1, Courtney Smith, Program Coordinator at 2-1-1.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2300****BY** Gallo, Bates, Ruggerio, Algieri, Ottiano**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING "LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS DAY" ON FEBRUARY 11, 2014 IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC4355/1}

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senator Goodwin.

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

Also:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Jennifer Bond and Eileen Dyer.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2301**

BY Fogarty, Ottiano, Lombardo, DiPalma, Crowley

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE BURRILLVILLE GIRLS SOCCER TEAM ON WINNING THE 2013 RHODE ISLAND DIVISION II GIRLS SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

{LC4573/1}

Senator Fogarty requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senators Gallo and Lombardi.

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 the Division II State Champions Burrillville Girls Soccer Team: Chelsea M. Almeida, Kathryn J. Antoniello, Abigail F. Bassett, Tiara R. Bianco, Sydney H. Blais, Abbie E. Branagan, Angela M. Cardone, Rachel E. DeRotto, Lauren S. Doherty, Samantha J. England, Audrey E. Hammond, Catherine A. Keable, Grace M. Lapierre, Caitlin E. Libby, Victoria M. Libby, Samantha M. Liberty, Courtney E. Mancone, Samanthan C. Mancone, Mikaela T. Messier, Morgan E. Morse, Sarah A. Rogers, Taylor L. Ross, Haley A. Sullivan, Kathleen K. Takita, Isis A. VanPutten along with Coaches Amy Cardone, Meghan Scotland, Eileen Liberty.

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 Ottiano announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Cote announces that the Committee on Commerce 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 today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Cristina Amadeo of United Way 2-1-1.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Lombardo seconded by Senator Bates the Senate adjourns at 4:44 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR MARC A. COTE**

Almighty Father, as we gather today for this senate session. Guide our minds and hearts so that we will work for the good of our community. Teach us to be generous in our outlook, courageous in the face of difficulty, and wise in our decisions. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014:**

1. **2014-S 2171**
 BY Goodwin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2. **2014-S 2170**
 BY Satchell
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3. **2014-S 2157**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4. **2014-S 2156**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
5. **2014-S 2154**
 BY Metts
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
6. **2014-S 2097**
 BY Goodwin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
7. **2014-S 2096**
 BY Lynch
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

8. **2014-S 2088**

BY Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

9. **2014-S 2035**

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014:

1. 2014-S 2155

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. 2014-S 2152 SUB A as amended

BY Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OPEN MEETINGS

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A as amended.