

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Journal of the Senate

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Wednesday, March 12, 2014
and Thursday, March 13, 2014

Twenty-third 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 4:16 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 Crowley to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-second Legislative Day of the 2014 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Sheehan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Girl Scout Ambassador Deb Myers Meilun, along with Troop 852 from North Kingstown, Leader Debbie Burbank, Crystal Burbank, Stephanie Dowling, Natalie Gambrell, Rachel Meilun, Miriko Okamoto, Kayla Oleson and Syzanne Pekar.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Reappointment of Deborah Thomas to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2016.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Appointment of Jonathan N. Savage of Providence VICE Kathleen Hittner (resigned) to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2016.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Appointment of Paul A. Carroll of Lincoln VICE Joseph Cianciolo to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2016.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Senator DaPonte from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2399 SUB A

BY DaPonte, Goodwin, Nesselbush, Satchell, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES (would permit cities and towns to authorize, without charter or referendum approval, the issuance of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness for road and bridge projects financed through the municipal road and bridge revolving fund)

{LC4651/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 7345 as amended

BY Melo, Amore, Kazarian, O'Neill, Hearn

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES (would permit cities & towns to authorize, without charter or referendum approval, the issuance of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness for road & bridge projects financed through the municipal road & bridge revolving fund)
{LC4309/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2766

BY Gallo, Lombardi, Metts, Felag, Satchell

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE DEDICATED RHODE ISLAND TEACHERS WHO SUCCEEDED IN ATTAINING NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS
{LC5171/1}

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senator Picard.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2765

BY Picard, Cote, Algieri, Metts, Satchell

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ITS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GEORGE NASUTI, WOONSOCKET HIGH SCHOOL'S BELOVED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
{LC5061/1}

Senator Picard requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Picard moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch, Crowley, Satchell, Gallo and Metts.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. **Reappointment of Brian Jackvony of Cumberland (Representing Combination Full Time/Part Time Fire Chief) to the Fire Education and Training Coordinating Board for a term expiring January 31, 2016.**
2. **Reappointment of David Gorman (Representing the Rhode Island Association of Firefighters) to the Fire Education and Training Coordinating Board for a term expiring January 31, 2017.**
3. **Reappointment of Howard F. Tighe (Representing the Rhode Island Association of Firefighters) to the Fire Education and Training Coordinating Board for a term expiring January 31, 2017.**
4. **Reappointment of Jay T. Petrillo (Representing the Rhode Island Association of Firefighters) to the Fire Education and Training Coordinating Board for a term expiring January 31, 2017.**
5. **Reappointment of John F. Woodard, Sr. (Representing Fire Instructors Association) to the Fire Education and Training Coordinating Board for a term expiring January 31, 2016.**
6. **Appointment of Chief Michael Frink (Representing Volunteer Fire Chief) VICE Chief David Sayles to the Fire Education and Training Coordinating Board for a term expiring January 31, 2015.**
7. **Appointment of Chief Robert Peacock (Representing State Firemen's League) VICE Joseph Bertholic to the Fire Education and Training Coordinating Board for a term expiring January 31, 2016.**
8. **Appointment of Chief Scott W. Barber (Representing Regional/Southern Firemen's League) VICE Chief Scott G. Kettle to the Fire Education and Training Coordinating Board for a term expiring January 31, 2016.**
9. **Appointment of R. Michael DiMascolo (Public Member) VICE Stanley Davies to the Fire Education and Training Coordinating Board for a term expiring January 31, 2015.**

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 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.

NAYS- 0:

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014:

1. 2014-S 2240

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - FOREIGN REGISTERED VEHICLES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Picard moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, Gallo, Hodgson and Crowley.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 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.

NAYS - 0:

2. 2014-S 2537

BY Fogarty

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A BI-PARTISAN PREPARATORY COMMISSION TO ASSEMBLE INFORMATION ON CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR A VOTE BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS ON THE HOLDING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIV SECTION 2 OF THE RHODE ISLAND CONSTITUTION

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Felag, O'Neill, Ottiano, Raptakis, Metts and Crowley.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 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.

NAYS - 0:

3. 2014-S 2538**BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING QUESTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN 2014: "SHALL THERE BE A CONVENTION TO AMEND OR REVISE THE CONSTITUTION?"

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senators Metts, Ottiano and Felag.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 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.

NAYS- 0:

4. 2014-S 2543**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION --
ELECTRONIC FILING

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator McCaffrey and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

5. 2014-S 2546**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -
COURTS - COURT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator McCaffrey and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

6. 2014-S 2569**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE COURT - APPEALS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Hodgson, Lynch, Crowley and Archambault.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 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.

NAYS - 0:

7. 2014-S 2126 SUB A

BY Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK TO FINANCE HEALTH, SAFETY AND FIRE-CODE RELATED EMERGENCY REPAIRS, ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Senator Satchell moves passage, seconded by Senators Raptakis, Gallo and DaPonte.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 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.

NAYS- 0:

8. 2014-H 7200 SUB A

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK TO FINANCE HEALTH, SAFETY AND FIRE-CODE RELATED EMERGENCY REPAIRS, ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Senator Satchell moves passage, seconded by Senators Gallo Raptakis and DaPonte.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 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.

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.

(See Appendix for List)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Lombardo announces that the Committee on Labor 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 Walaska announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

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

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet tomorrow, at 2:00 o'clock P.M and at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Metts announces that the Committee on Education will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Senators Gallo, Metts, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Lombardi, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Satchell, Doyle, DaPonte and Raptakis welcome the teachers who succeeded in attending National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional teaching standards.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Rachel Chiaro her husband Michael and their children Sophia and Thomas, mother Joyce Bollo and friend Patti Patterson.

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber teachers from South Kingstown Schools.

Upon suggestion of Senator Lombardi and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Stephanie Kaffenberg and Steven Giarrusso.

Upon suggestion of Senator Doyle and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Michelle Murtha, teacher and constituent.

Upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber J. Richard Ratcliffe and Margaret Ratcliffe.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Picard, the Senate stands at recess at 4:52 o'clock P.M. in memory of George Nasuti.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 4:24 o'clock P.M.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Gallo from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Resolution No. 2432

BY Satchell, Lombardi, Cote, DiPalma, Crowley

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE FUNDING RHODE ISLAND'S ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PUBLIC EDUCATION VIA REVENUE GENERATED THROUGH STATE INCOME TAX (This resolution creates a 17 member legislative commission to comprehensively study all aspects of funding elementary and secondary public education through state income tax.)

{LC3947/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Senator Fogarty, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2290

BY Miller, Gallo, Doyle, Jabour, Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- APPRENTICESHIP (would require that all bidders responding to an invitation to bid on a public works project would have an apprenticeship program, and that no less than 15% of the project's labor hours be performed by apprentices in this program)

{LC4036/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

March 10, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I am hereby withdrawing, without prejudice, the June 19, 2013 appointment of Ronald Caniglia to the Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board.

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

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**

March 11, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 46-12.2-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Clean Water Finance Agency:

Lisa Ferrara

for a term to expire March 1, 2015.

To this reappointment, 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**

March 11, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 46-12.2-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Clean Water Finance Agency:

James Hagerty

for a term to expire March 1, 2015.

To this reappointment, 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**

March 11, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 46-12.2-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency:

Scott D. Lajoie

for a term to expire March 1, 2016.

To this reappointment, 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**

March 11, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 46-12.2-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Clean Water Finance Agency:

Joshua Celeste

for a term to expire March 1, 2016.

To this reappointment, 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**

March 7, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 45-53-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the State Housing Appeals Board:

Joseph Caffey
(Affordable Housing Developer)

for a term expiring January 1, 2017

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

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

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

March 7, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 45-53-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the State Housing Appeals Board:

Brenda Clement
(Representing affordable housing advocates)

for a term expiring January 1, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

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

March 7, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 45-53-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the State Housing Appeals Board:

Robert Cuttle, CPM
(Representing Zoning Official - under 25,000 in population)

for a term expiring January 1, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

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

March 7, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 45-53-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the State Housing Appeals Board:

James Grundy
(Representing Planning Board Member – over 25,000 in population)

for a term expiring January 1, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

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

March 7, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 45-53-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the State Housing Appeals Board:

The Honorable June Sager Speakman, Ph.D.
(Representing Town Council - under 25,000 in population)

for a term expiring January 1, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

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

March 7, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 45-53-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the State Housing Appeals Board:

Luis A. Torrado
(Representing Business Community)

for a term expiring January 1, 2017.

To this reappointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

**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. 2629

(State Police)

BY DiPalma, Lombardi, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - SCHOOLS (This act would make it a violation for a public or private school principal or person in charge to neglect the fire system and fire drill requirements as set out in statute and would increase the fine to two hundred dollars (\$200) per violation.)

{LC4215/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2667

(State Police)

BY Gallo, Lynch, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS ADMINISTRATION (Changes the composition of various boards and committees within the RI justice commission and eliminates the requirement that they meet quarterly.)

{LC4209/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Gallo from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Resolution No. 2432

BY Satchell, Lombardi, Cote, DiPalma, Crowley

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE FUNDING RHODE ISLAND'S ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PUBLIC EDUCATION VIA REVENUE GENERATED THROUGH STATE INCOME TAX (This resolution creates a 17 member legislative commission to comprehensively study all aspects of funding elementary and secondary public education through state income tax.)

{LC3947/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Senator Fogarty, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2290

BY Miller, Gallo, Doyle, Jabour, Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- APPRENTICESHIP (would require that all bidders responding to an invitation to bid on a public works project would have an apprenticeship program, and that no less than 15% of the project's labor hours be performed by apprentices in this program)

{LC4036/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2767**

BY Raptakis, Satchell, McCaffrey, Walaska, Lynch

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ERIN O'CONNELL ON BEING NAMED "MISS IRELAND" BY THE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

{LC5169/1}

Senator Raptakis requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Raptakis moves passage, seconded by Senators Satchell, Gallo, McCaffrey, Lynch, Fogarty, Archambault, Cool Rumsey, Goldin, Sheehan and Nesselbush.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Raptakis and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Miss Ireland Erin O'Connell along with her mom Kim O'Connell and father Mike O'Connell.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2768**

BY Gallo, Miller, Lombardi, DiPalma, Ottiano

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF BRIAN E. MORETTI

{LC5189/1}

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Miller, Algiere, Goodwin, Archambault, Satchell and Lynch.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2769

BY Nesselbush, Miller, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Paiva Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2014 (Establishes the "Rhode Island Behavioral Health Care Reform Act of 2014," to ensure appropriate behavioral healthcare services are available to people in this state.)
{LC5119/1}

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. **Reappointment of Deborah Thomas to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2016.**
2. **Appointment of Jonathan N. Savage of Providence VICE Kathleen Hittner (resigned) to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2016.**
3. **Appointment of Paul A. Carroll of Lincoln VICE Joseph Cianciolo to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2016.**

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algiere, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Bates, Ciccone, Cool Rumsey, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014:

1. 2014-S 2268

BY Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND BRIDGES IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,500,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO EVIDENCE LOANS THEREFOR FROM THE MUNICIPAL ROAD AND BRIDGE REVOLVING FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE RHODE ISLAND CLEAN WATER FINANCE AGENCY

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by Senators Crowley and Fogarty.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 33: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bates, Ciccone, Cool Rumsey, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

2. 2014-S 2084

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Miller, Archambault, Goldin, Cool Rumsey, Lombardi, Pichardo, Nesselbush and Gallo.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bates, Ciccone, Cool Rumsey, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, 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.

(See Appendix for List)

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator O'Neill and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Alyssa Deslauriers, North Smithfield High Unity Ball Project Leader, and Joanne Ricci Forty, North Smithfield High Athletic Association parent and mentor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 DiPalma wishes everyone a Happy Pi Day(π).

Senator Sheehan announces that the Committee on Government Oversight will meet on Monday, March 17, 2014, at 3:30 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Nesselbush announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri and upon suggestion of Senator Gallo the Senate adjourns at 4:46 o'clock P.M. in memory of Brian E. Moretti.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR ELIZABETH A. CROWLEY**

Open our hearts Lord, not only to the needs of those we serve, but also to one another in this Chamber so as a community of leaders we can be led to wise and courageous actions that benefit Rhode Island. Amen.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR V. SUSAN SOSNOWSKI**

Dear Lord, We thank you for giving us the opportunity and privilege of being the voice of our constituents in their government. Help us to make the right and just choices in our decisions to improve the lives of all our citizens. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014:**

- 1. Reappointment of Deborah Thomas to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2016.**

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 2. Appointment of Jonathan N. Savage of Providence VICE Kathleen Hittner (resigned) to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2016.**

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 3. Appointment of Paul A. Carroll of Lincoln VICE Joseph Cianciolo to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2016.**

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014:****1. 2014-S 2268****BY Doyle**

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND BRIDGES IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,500,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO EVIDENCE LOANS THEREFOR FROM THE MUNICIPAL ROAD AND BRIDGE REVOLVING FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE RHODE ISLAND CLEAN WATER FINANCE AGENCY

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

2. 2014-S 2084**BY Sosnowski**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014:**1. 2014-S 2543****BY McCaffrey**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- ELECTRONIC FILING

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. 2014-S 2546**BY McCaffrey**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - COURT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. 2014-S 2399 SUB A**BY DaPonte**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

4. 2014-S 2290**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- APPRENTICESHIP

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

5. 2014-S 2432**BY** Satchell**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE FUNDING RHODE ISLAND'S ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PUBLIC EDUCATION VIA REVENUE GENERATED THROUGH STATE INCOME TAX

Committee on Education recommends passage.

6. 2014-S 2629**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - SCHOOLS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. 2014-S 2667)**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

8. 2014-H 7345 as amended**BY** Melo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES

Committee on Finance recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

Appendix**BILLS TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR****Senate Bill No. 2126 SUB A****BY** Satchell, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK TO FINANCE HEALTH, SAFETY AND FIRE-CODE RELATED EMERGENCY REPAIRS, ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION (Would serve as the enabling act required by RIGL § 16-7-44 in order for the principal of, and interest on bonds issued by Town of West Warwick in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement)

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House Bill No. 7200 SUB A**BY** Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK TO FINANCE HEALTH, SAFETY AND FIRE-CODE RELATED EMERGENCY REPAIRS, ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION (Would serve as the enabling act required by RIGL § 16-7-44 in order for the principal of, and interest on bonds issued by Town of West Warwick in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement)

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