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Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Twenty-fifth 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 4:28 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 34: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bates, Conley, Cool Rumsey, Cote, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Ciccone, Crowley, Fogarty, Walaska.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Father Robert L. Marciano to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Ottiano and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Kerry Lehane, Meghan Lehane, Patricia Andrade, Bob Lehane Sr., Bob Lehane Jr., Bob Lehane III and Jean Lehane.

Upon suggestion of Senator Lombardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Eugene & Ann Marie Sabitoni, Joyce, Michael, Matthew & Cameron Sabitoni, Diane Brousseau, Gina Sabitoni, Gisele Boucher, Jessica Kelly and George Nee.

Upon suggestion of Senator Algieri and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Hodgson, Megan Hodgson, Winfield Hodgson and Charles Hodgson.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber The Honorable A. Ralph Mollis, Secretary of State, Derek Silva and Ronald R. Coia.

Upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Jill Teeters, March of Dimes, David and Aidan Lamothe, March of Dimes, Alison Brent, March of Dimes, Ella Miranda, March of Dimes and Mike and Sam Lubold, March of Dimes.

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Sheila Dunn of Newport.

Upon suggestion of Senator Doyle and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Anthony Arlia.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2776

BY Ottiano, Algieri, Ciccone, Lombardi, Lombardo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

{LC5159/1}

Senator Ottiano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ottiano moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Algieri, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Metts, Crowley, Archambault, DiPalma and Felag.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2777

BY Conley, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lynch, Doyle

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY

{LC5158/1}

Senator Conley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Conley moves passage, seconded by Senators Archambault, Satchell, O'Neill, Ottiano, Ruggerio, Gallo, Doyle, Sosnowski, Metts, Picard and Pearson.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2778

BY Ruggerio, Goodwin, Pearson, Lombardi, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - BUDGET COMMISSIONS
{LC5105/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Ruggerio congratulates Senate Minority Leader Dennis L. Algieri on being honored by the Sons of Italy.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Bates the Senate adjourns at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

St. Patrick's Day & St. Joseph's Day Heritage Celebration

Words of Welcome

M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate

Irish Co-Chair Address

William J. Conley
Senator

Irish Musical Selections

Kerry & Meghan Lehane
"Come Bye the Hills"

Irish Heritage Address

Charles J. Fogarty
Director, Department of Labor and Training

Italian Co-Chair Address

Christopher S. Ottiano
Senator

Italian Musical Selections

Steven Palumbo
"Volare" and "Al-Di-La"

Italian Heritage Address

Michael F. Sabitoni
President, Rhode Island Construction and Building Trades Council

Benediction

Father John E. Unsworth
Saint Bernard's Church, Wickford

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR FATHER ROBERT L. MARCIANO**

Let us pray, O Lord, God of mercy and love, as we honor today the great Saints Patrick and Joseph, we honor also all those who have followed them in faith. We are grateful to Patrick who went to Ireland an immigrant and a stranger to bring peace and faith to the warring chieftans and kings of that great land and who united them in the Faith of the one true God. We thank you Lord, for our forefathers who left the shores of Ireland in times of starvation and trouble, not aboard yachts or luxury liners, but aboard ships of poverty, misery and loss. They come to Rhode Island to find a new life and they have left us a legacy of hard work and strong faith. Help us, who have benefited from their sacrifices to remember always to welcome the stranger and those who continue to come to our great State seeking liberty and work. And finally, Lord we pray in gratitude and ask your blessing upon us in the words of Saint Patrick Himself: May the Strength of God guide us. May the Power of God preserve us. May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us. May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God Defend us. May the Angels of God guard us against the snares of evil. And, may Thy Grace, O Lord always be ours, this day, and forevermore. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014:**

- 1. Appointment of Mark A. Carruolo of Warwick VICE M. Carl Heintzelman to the State Retirement Board for a term expiring March 1, 2015.**

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

- 2. 2014-S 2772
BY Cote
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE MOUNT ST.
CHARLES BOYS HOCKEY TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2013-2014 RHODE ISLAND
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014:**

1. **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.
2. **2014-S 2697 SUB A**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE
 AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY

 Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and
 passage of Substitute A.
3. **2014-S 2546**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -
 COURTS - COURT ADMINISTRATION

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4. **2014-S 2290**
 BY Miller
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- APPRENTICESHIP

 Committee on Labor recommends passage.
5. **2014-H 7059 SUB A**
 BY Ucci
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
 RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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