

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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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 4:23 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 Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, 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 Fourth Legislative Day of the 2015 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 Archambault and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Joselita Rodriguez, MD., mother-in-law, Alfredo Rodriguez, MD., father-in-law, Joseph V. Rodriguez, brother-in-law, Melissa Flamburis, friend and David Chy, intern.

Upon suggestion of Senator Doyle and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Lexi Moubarak, a social work major and with the shadowing program at Providence College.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 0073****BY** Doyle**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF JAMES F. BARON

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Senator Doyle requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 0074**BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 17, 2015 TO BE "SHINE A LIGHT ON HEROIN DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, AND COMMENDING WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND AND STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT FOR THEIR JOINT EFFORTS TO COMBAT THIS CRISIS

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Senator Algieri requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Algieri moves passage, seconded by Senator Ruggerio.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2015-S 0072

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY 25TH THROUGH JULY 31ST, 2015, TO BE "WATERWAY AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, 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 Her Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

(See Appendix for List)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Pichardo announces that Congressman David Cicilline will host Representative Luis V. Gutierrez from Illinois on 41 Fricker Street, Providence at 6:30 o'clock P.M.

Senator Nesselbush announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet next Tuesday, January 20, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Walaska announces that the Credit Union of Rhode Island will hold a reception in the State Room today.

Senator Jabour announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet next Tuesday, January 20, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Goodwin announces that the senate session for tomorrow, Thursday, January 15th, is cancelled but the desk will remain open to submit legislation.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algiere and upon suggestion of Senator Doyle the Senate adjourns at 4:35 o'clock P.M. in memory of James F. Baron.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DANIEL DAPONTE

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.