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Sixth 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 4:22 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, 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 Metts to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Fifth Legislative Day of the 2015 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Ottiano and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber interns, Mr. Taylor Dame, Miss Lily Van Patten and Miss Maura Goss.

Upon suggestion of Senator Archambault and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Family of David Louis Cunha, Peter and Cheryl Cunha, parents, Geoff DiCenso, Julie Latesta, Paula Palozzi and former State Senator John J. Tassoni.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Senator Miller from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Appointment of The Honorable Charles J. Fogarty, VICE Catherine Taylor Director of the Division of Elderly Affairs

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, January 22, 2015.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Reappointment of Colonel Steven G. O'Donnell, Director of the Department of Public Safety.

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, January 22, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 0075**

BY Archambault, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Lombardo, Lombardi

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF DAVID LOUIS CUNHA

{LC538/1}

Senator Archambault requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Archambault moves passage, seconded by Senators Algiere, 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 and Walaska.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 0076

BY Metts, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Algiere

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Metts moves passage, seconded by Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski and Walaska.

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

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 Nesselbush announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge 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 Pichardo announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senate President Paiva Weed announces that the desk will remain open in anticipation to receive committee reports from Health and Human Services and Judiciary and place those items on the Calendar for Thursday, January 22.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algiere and upon suggestion of Senator Archambault the Senate adjourns at 4:42 o'clock P.M. in memory of David Louis Cunha.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR HAROLD M. METTS**

Dear Lord, while we reflect on the life and legacy of the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. help us to continue to work together for justice and equality to make his dream for America a reality, with action motivated by love. And Lord, while we mourn the loss of David Cunha, someone so young and with so much promise; and Sister Ann Keefe, who tirelessly dedicated her life for the least of society, for social and economic justice, give us your strength. Turn our mourning into a celebration of their lives, knowing that we have the joy of our salvation. Help us to remember Psalm 116, verse 15; and John 14:1a, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Let not your heart be troubled...", because they are in the presence of the Lord. We ask these petitions in Jesus name. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015:

1. Appointment of The Honorable Charles J. Fogarty, VICE Catherine Taylor Director of the Division of Elderly Affairs

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. Reappointment of Colonel Steven G. O'Donnell, Director of the Department of Public Safety

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