

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Tenth 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 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 37: 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, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Lombardo.

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 Ninth Legislative Day of the 2015 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 DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Rebecca Costello from Middletown, student intern at the University of Rhode Island.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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STATE HOUSE**

February 2, 2015

Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker
Rhode Island House of Representatives
Room 323, State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Honorable Teresa Paiva Weed
Rhode Island Senate
Room 318, State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Speaker Mattiello and President Paiva Weed:

Pursuant to section 35-3-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the Governor's budget is due on or before Thursday, February 5, 2015. As a new Governor, and consistent with the practice of previous Governors, I respectfully request an extension of time up to and including March 12, 2015, within which to submit my budget. I have discussed this matter with both of you, and greatly appreciate your willingness to accommodate this request. Enclosed is a draft legislation to this effect for your review.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,

Gina Raimondo
Governor

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 measure:

Reappointment of Ashbel T. Wall, II, Director of the Department of Corrections.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 145****BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DR. ANTHONY JOSEPH DIMAIO

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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 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 Lynch 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 313 of the State House.

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

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet on Thursday, February 5, at 3:30 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Conley announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Ruggerio wishes Senator Picard a belated Happy Birthday on January 26.

Senator Ruggerio wishes Senator Sheehan a belated Happy Birthday on January 27.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Kettle the Senate adjourns at 4:23 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

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

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

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2015:

1. Reappointment of Ashbel T. Wall, II, Director of the Department of Corrections

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