

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Eleventh 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 4:29 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 3: Senators DiPalma, Gallo, Satchell.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Shelly and Robert Kolb from South Kingstown, Rhode Island.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President presents the following communication from Her 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**

January 29, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64.14-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission

Joseph F. Azrack

VICE

Michael Van Leesten

for a term expiring October 3, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

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

January 29, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64.14-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission

Robert C. Davis

VICE

John Kelly

for a term expiring October 3, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE

February 4, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64.14-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission

Elizabeth Huidekoper
VICE
Barbara A. Hunger
(Resigned)

for a term expiring October 3, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE

February 4, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64.14-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission

Melissa Husband
VICE
Diana L. Johnson
(Resigned)

for a term expiring October 3, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

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

January 29, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64.14-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission

Edwin J. Santos

VICE
Colin Kane
(Resigned)

for a term expiring October 3, 2015.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

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

January 29, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64.14-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission

Sandra R. Smith

VICE
Mark Ryan

for a term expiring October 3, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

February 4, 2015

The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Paiva Weed:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to an illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Adam J. Satchell
Senate District 09

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

February 4, 2015

The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Paiva Weed:

Please be advised and let the record that I will be absent from the Chamber on Wednesday, February 4 and Thursday, February 5, 2015.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Hanna M. Gallo
Senator – District 27

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

Senator Walaska from the Committee on Commerce, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Appointment of Stefan Pryor Secretary of Commerce.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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 Elizabeth H. Roberts VICE Steven M. Costantino Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Appointment of Michael DiBiase VICE Richard A. Licht Director of the Department of Administration.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 146

BY Lynch, Ruggerio, Gallo, Ciccone, Fogarty

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THOMAS J. SAVOIE

{LC915/1}

Senator Lynch requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lynch moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Walaska, Pichardo, Doyle, Goodwin, Miller, Fogarty, Lombardi and Conley.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 148**BY** Pearson, Doyle, Nesselbush, Metts, Lynch**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF BEVERLY L. (KENT) QUEENAN ON HER PASSING
{LC1004/1}

Senator Pearson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pearson moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch, Picard, O'Neill and Ruggerio.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 147**BY** Jabour, Picard, Pearson, O'Neill, Paiva Weed**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ROBERT KRAFT, BILL BELICHICK AND HIS COACHING STAFF, AND THE ENTIRE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS ORGANIZATION ON WINNING SUPER BOWL XLIX
{LC941/1}

Senator Jabour requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Jabour moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Felag, Pichardo, Picard, Metts, Algiere, Coyne, Archambault, Sheehan and Lombardo.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a voice 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 Cote announces that the Joint Committee on Commerce and Environment and Agriculture will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

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

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

Senator Lynch 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Ruggerio and upon suggestion of Senator Lynch the Senate adjourns at 4:45 o'clock P.M. in memory of Thomas J. Savoie.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ERIN P. LYNCH

Dear God, please grant us the wisdom to be aware of the vital needs of the people we are here to serve. Please grant us the courage to meet those needs to the fullest extent of our ability. 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.

2. Appointment of Stefan Pryor Secretary of Commerce

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

3. Appointment of The Honorable Elizabeth H. Roberts VICE Steven M. Costantino Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services

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

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015:**1. Appointment of Michael DiBiase VICE Richard A. Licht Director of the Department of Administration**

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