

## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:49 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, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sosnowski, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 3: Senators Gallo, Lombardo, Sheehan.

### 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.

### GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Crowley and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Sister Lorraine Boisvert, Holy Union, Pawtucket, Sister Beatrice Rogers, Holy Union, Central Falls, Claire Vilandre, Forand Manor, Central Falls, Sister Gabrielle Bourget, Holy Union, Lincoln, Thomas H. Keefe, Keefe Funeral Home and Sister Lorraine McPhearson.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

February 23, 2015

Mr. Joe Brady  
Secretary of the Senate  
Room 145  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Secretary:

I would like to inform you that unfortunately I will be unable to attend session the week of February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Frank Lombardo III  
Senator  
District – 25

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

February 24, 2015

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

Dear Madam President,

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend the Senate Session today, Tuesday, February 24, 2015 due to illness.

Warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

James C. Sheehan  
Senator – District 36

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

February 24, 2015

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

Dear Madam President,

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, February 24, 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.

**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

**House Resolution No. 5198**

**BY** Kennedy, Shekarchi, Lima, Corvese, Keable

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, ENHANCING BILATERAL TRADE  
RELATIONS, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY  
{LC641/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Senate Resolution No. 361**

**BY** Crowley

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SISTER LORRAINE MACPHERSON,  
HOLY UNION SISTERS, FOR SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO GOD AND  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC514/1}

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Ruggerio, Pichardo, Felag, Lynch, Walaska, McCaffrey, DaPonte, Sosnowski, Metts, Jabour, O'Neill, Miller, Archambault and Goldin.

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 362**

**BY** Goldin

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF DR. STANLEY M. ARONSON

{LC1156/1}

Senator Goldin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goldin moves passage, seconded by Senators Ciccone, Satchell, Nesselbush, Lombardi, Gee, Kettle, Algieri, Ruggerio, DaPonte, McCaffrey, Pearson, Metts, Fogarty and Conley.

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

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Goldin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Gale Aronson, Janet Cooper Nelson, Renee and Paul Shields, Carol Delaney, Jon and Kathy Elion, Eric and Jane Peterson, Edward Feldstein, Robert Whitcomb, Edward Feller, Albert Dahlberg, Richard Besdine, Fox Wetle and Glenn Tung.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

**1. 2015-S 360**

**BY** Morgan

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE KENNEY FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF FREDERICK S. KENNEY

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 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 34: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015:****1. 2015-S 150****BY** Lynch**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE

Committee on Rules recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Lynch and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for tomorrow, February 25, 2015.

**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 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 25, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 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 Conley announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow, at 2:30 o'clock P.M.) in Room 313 of the State House.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Kettle the Senate adjourns at 5:08 o'clock P.M.

**JOSEPH R. BRADY**  
Secretary of the Senate

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

Dear Lord, as we return to this chamber, remind us that in the days ahead there will be many choices before us as we work to make our State a greater place to live. Help us to work together to reach common ground and find positive solutions for the benefit of all our constituents. Amen.

**Appendix**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015:**

- 1. 2015-H 5198**  
**BY** Kennedy  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN  
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, ENHANCING BILATERAL  
TRADE RELATIONS, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL  
COMMUNITY

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

**Appendix****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015:**

1.     **2015-S 150**  
      **BY** Lynch  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE  
  
      Committee on Rules recommends passage.
2.     **2015-S 37**  
      **BY** Raptakis  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE  
      HOPKINS HILL ROAD FIRE DISTRICT  
  
      Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
3.     **2015-S 38**  
      **BY** Kettle  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF COVENTRY  
  
      Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
4.     **2015-S 96**  
      **BY** Sheehan  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE  
      HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN  
  
      Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
5.     **2015-S 98**  
      **BY** Morgan  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE  
      HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND  
  
      Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
6.     **2015-S 171**  
      **BY** Coyne  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO HOME  
      RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON  
  
      Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.