

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Forty-first Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable William A. Walaska, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, at 4:21 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 34: Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Crowley, Paiva Weed, Pichardo, Satchell.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

May 5, 2015

Mr. Joseph R. Brady
Secretary of the Senate
State House-Room 145
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Secretary,

Pursuant to Section 4-4.1 of the Rules of the Senate, I hereby request to withdraw the following bill that has been previously introduced:

2015-S-819

Sincerely,

Marc A. Cote
Senator District 24

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

May 5, 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 personal reasons, I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Crowley
Senate District 16

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

May 5, 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 family illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Satchell
Senate District 09

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

May 5, 2015

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

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Juan M. Pichardo
Senate District 2

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 875****BY** Doyle, Nesselbush, Walaska, Metts, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 6, 2015, TO BE "CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2612/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 876

(by request)

BY DaPonte, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFITS (Makes various revisions to the retirement provisions for many state and municipal employees.)

{LC2562/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

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 Metts announces that the Committee on Education will meet tomorrow, 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 the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Cote announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 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.

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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 Jabour announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri the Senate adjourns at 4:25 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ELAINE J. MORGAN

Dear God, we thank Thee for the gift of this new day with its opportunities for growth in nobility of character and in service to others. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 06, 2015:**

- 1. 2015-S 875**
BY Doyle
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 6, 2015, TO BE
"CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 2. 2015-H 5254**
BY Malik
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO HOME
RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.
- 3. 2015-H 5530**
BY Chippendale
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.
- 4. 2015-H 5901**
BY Winfield
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING THE 2014 AMENDMENTS
TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 07, 2015:

- 1. 2015-H 5998**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

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