

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Eighth 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 4:18 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT -36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Doyle, Goldin.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Seventh Legislative Day of the 2017 proceedings is read in part.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

January 24, 2017

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 Senate session on Tuesday January 24, 2017, I am out of state on business.

Sincerely,

James E. Doyle, II
Senator, District- 8
Pawtucket

Read and placed on file.

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STATE HOUSE**

January 24, 2017

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

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber Tuesday-Wednesday Tuesday January 24-25, 2017, as I will be in Washington D.C.

Sincerely,

Gayle L. Goldin
Senator, District- 3

Read and 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:

Senate Bill No. 59

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Frank S. Lombardi to join Jeffrey Ryan Beliveau and Alyssa Fioravanti in marriage on or about February 4, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Archambault, Nesselbush, and Sheehan

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

Senate Bill No. 66

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Scott Avedisian to join Jennifer Elizabeth Sayles and Mary-Margaret Velan in marriage on or about February 15, 2017, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2017-S 87

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MOSLEM GROTTO MYSTIC ORDER VEILED PROPHETS OF THE ENCHANTED REALM

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2017-S 88

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING CHIEF VINCENT VESPIA, JR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT ON NOVEMBER 1, 2016, AFTER FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. 2017-S 89

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING CHRISTOPER NADEAU UPON ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Lynch Prata announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Goodwin reminds the chamber that there will be an Ethics Training held in the Senate Lounge at the Rise of the Senate.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Kettle, the Senate stands adjourn at 4:24 o'clock P.M.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR CYNTHIA A. COYNE**

Dear God, we are grateful for the privilege of serving in this Senate. Keep us ever mindful that we are here to serve those who have elected us. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017:

- 1. 2017-S 66**
BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.