

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Fourteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Harold M. Metts, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, at 4:12 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 Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 4: Senator Lombardo, Lynch Prata, Paiva Weed, Sheehan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Lombardi 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**

February 7, 2017

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

Dear Madam President:

I am writing to inform you that I will be unable to attend session the week of February 7th – 9th. I will be out of State and will be returning on February 14th.

Sincerely,

Frank Lombardo III
Senator
District 25

Read and placed on file.

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

February 8, 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 the Senate Session today, Tuesday, February 7, 2017 due to family sickness.

Warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

James C. Sheehan
Senator – District 36

Read and placed on file.

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

February 8, 2017

Secretary of the Senate
State House, Room 145
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Secretary of the Senate:

Please be advised and let the record that I will be absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate

Read and placed on file.

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

February 8, 2017

The Honorable Secretary of the Senate
State House, Room 145
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Secretary of the Senate:

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:

2017-S-201

Sincerely,

Marc A. Cote
Senator – District 24

Read and placed on file.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

- 1. 2017-H 5092**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

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

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Goodwin, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 29 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 29: Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Felag announces that the Joint Committee on Finance and Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Jabour announces that the committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Goodwin announces that the General Treasurer will discuss the Pension tomorrow in the Senate Lounge at 3:30 PM

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 Ruggerio, the Senate stands adjourn at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR FRANK S LOMBARDI**

Dear Lord, show us how to cooperate with each other in sharing our individual talents. Remind us that working together in a unified effort provides us with strength and produces desired end results. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017:

1. 2017-H 5014

BY Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE BEACON HILL LANE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR**

The following item has been transmitted to the Governor:

House Bill No. 5092

BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Shanley

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.)

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