

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Journal of the Senate

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Thursday, March 30, 2017

Thirty Second Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:24 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: Senators The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paiva Weed, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 2: Senator Doyle, and Gallo.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Phillip Zymaris from the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Pawtucket, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 688****BY** Raptakis, Doyle, Paiva Weed, Gallo, Kettle**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH 25, 2017 AS THE 196TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

{LC2060/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Raptakis requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Raptakis moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, McCaffrey, Metts, Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Archambault, Satchell, Coyne, Seveney, Goldin, DaPonte, Felag, and Algiere.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Reverend Dr. George Economou, St. Spyridon Greek orthodox Church in Newport, Father John Afendoulis of St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in Newport, Eleni Anagnostopoulos and Loula Eliopoulos, Greek Language Teachers.

Upon suggestion of Senator Algiere and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Dr. John and Joann Grossamindies.

Upon suggestion of Senator Lombardi and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Father Andrew George, Aunnucciation Greek Orthodox Church in Cranston, Koula Rougas, Eleni Trikoulis and Ioanna Andreopoulou, Greek Language Teachers.

Upon suggestion of Senator Raptakis and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber The Honorable Maria Koukousti- Vice Consul General of the Hellenic Republic, Miltos Athanasopoulos, President of the Federation of Hellenic- American Societies of New England, Vasoliki Ramos, Eleftheria Papaslis, Demetrios Papaslis, Dr. Mary Delichatsios, PhD, Costa Travayiakis, Theodore Kalamoukos from the National Herald, Gus Tsilfides-President of the Pan Pontian Federation of USA & Canada, George Tsilfidis-President of Pontian Society of Norwalk, CT, Nikos Poulidikis- Board member of Pontian Society of New York and Olga Fotos-Dance Director from St. Spyridon in Worcester, MA, Iliana Lioli, Kostantinos Doulis, Ourania Tsitou, Anna Lioliou.

Upon suggestion of Senator Paolino and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber John Lyssikatos from Lincoln.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

March 30, 2017

Dear President Ruggerio:

It has become clear to me that I will have philosophical differences with the new leadership, such that I am resigning my position as Deputy Majority Leader.

Sincerely yours,

Donna M. Nesselbush
Senator, District 15

Read and placed on file.

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

March 30, 2017

Dominick Ruggerio
President of the Senate
State House Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend session on Thursday, March 30, 2017. I will be traveling for business out of state.

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

Sincerely,

James E. Doyle II
Senator- District 8
Pawtucket

Read and placed on file.

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

March 30, 2017

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate
The Honorable members of the Senate
Room 318, State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggerio and The Honorable Senate:

I hereby resign my position as Senator of the 13th Senatorial District as of the 31st day of March, 2017

Sincerely,

M. Teresa Paiva Weed
Senator-District 13

Read and placed on file.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5863

BY Edwards, Canario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allow Arthur W. Cheeks to join Elizabeth Mills Hoch and Alastair Campbell Butler in marriage on or about June 24, 2017, within the Town of Tiverton, Rhode Island.)

{LC2032/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5827

BY Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Derek Wesolowski to join Brittany Ann Jarry and MacGyver Dean Duarte in marriage on or about August 17, 2018, within the Town of Lincoln, Rhode Island.)

{LC1649/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5885**BY** Canario, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christopher Joseph Fiorentino, Esq., to join Denise Marie Fiorentino and Andrew Stephen Myrick in marriage on or about May 6, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC2092/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5420**BY** Regunberg

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thomas Welch to join Caroline Cohn and Peter Suchcicki in marriage on or about July 15, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC1325/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5299**BY** Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kevin Harmon to join Diane L. Harmon and Javier Setien in marriage on or about June 17, 2017, within the Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island.)
{LC1146/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5828**BY** Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Carole Tardif to join Nichole Morneau and Dennis Stebbins, II, in marriage on or about June 24, 2017, within the Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island.)
{LC1608/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5739**BY** Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Peter Freeburg to join Mary Barlas and Christopher Benn in marriage on or about July 1, 2017, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)
{LC1958/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5853**BY Hearn**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Charles Joseph Cook to join Tenley Forrest Burlingame and Griffin Thomas Menzies in marriage on or about August 19, 2017, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC1999/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

Chairwoman Sosnowski, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Reappointment of David V. D. Borden to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission for a term expiring January 1, 2020.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Reappointment of Jerry A. Sahagian (Public Member Representing the Coastal Community) to the Coastal Resources Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2020.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Reappointment of Michael Hudner (Municipality Under 25,000 Elected or Appointed Official) to the Coastal Resources Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2020.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Reappointment of Raymond Coia, Esq (Coastal Municipality Over 25,000 Elected or Appointed Official) to the Coastal Resources Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2020

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 689****BY** Jabour, Metts, Quezada, Goldin, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES (Raises the local hotel tax rate from one percent to two and one-half percent.)

{LC1728/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 690**BY** Quezada, Metts, Goodwin, Goldin, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the state aid funding formula for compensation of school districts for the additional costs of students learning English.)

{LC1729/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 691**BY** Metts, Quezada, Goodwin, Goldin, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes cities and towns to tax certain real and/or nonprofit tangible properties owned by nonprofit educational and hospital institutions commencing with assessment performed 12/31/17 and every year thereafter.)

{LC1916/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 692**BY** Jabour, Quezada, Goodwin, Metts, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - AUTOMATED TRAFFIC VIOLATION MONITORING SYSTEMS (Increases the amount of time, from fourteen (14) days to twenty-eight (28) days, for a summons to issue solely based on evidence obtained by use of an automated traffic-violation-detection system.)

{LC1718/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 694**BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2017, AS "NATIONAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2363/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Fogarty requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Nesselbush, Quezada, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Felag, Lynch Prata, Satchell, Kettle, Gee, Lombardo, Calkin, Coyne, DiPalma.

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

Senate Resolution No. 687

BY Lombardi, Miller, Gallo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DOMENIC KAFFENBERGER OF WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND, ON BEING NAMED AN AWARD WINNER IN THE 2017 ANNUAL STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM

{LC2309/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Lombardi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senators Miller, Nesselbush, Goodwin, and Goldin.

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

Senate Resolution No. 693

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2017 ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

{LC2361/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paiva Weed, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, and Sheehan.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Members of the University of Rhode Island Basketball Team: E.C. Matthews, Jarvis Garrett, Will Leviton, Cyril Langevine, Jeff Downtin, Hassan Martin Stanford Robinson, Eric Dadika, Mike Layssard, Kuran Iverson, Christion Thompson, Jared Terrell, Andre Berry, Nicola Akele, and Michael Tertsea.

Thorr Bjorn, Athletic Director, President David Dooley, President of the University of Rhode Island, Head Coach Dan Hurley and his wife Andrea and their children David and Andrew.

Senate Resolution No. 695

BY DaPonte, Crowley, Sosnowski, Lombardi, Metts

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING ALISHA A. PINA ON THE OCCASION OF HER DEPARTURE FROM THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL STAFF TO ACCEPT A POSITION AS THE CHIEF PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

{LC2365/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DaPonte requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DaPonte moves passage, seconded by Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paiva Weed, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Sosnowski.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Alisha Pina.

Senate Resolution No. 696

BY Satchell, Ruggerio, Algiere, Lombardi, Archambault

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PAUL E. BARBER, SR., M.D.

{LC2270/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Satchell requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Satchell moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Nesselbush, Felag, Goodwin, Algieri, Kettle, Archambault, Gee, Lombardo, Paolino.

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

Senate Resolution No. 698

BY Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THOMAS L. PAPA FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2372/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Paiva Weed requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Sosnowski.

Senator Paiva Weed, Goodwin and Algieri discuss the resolution.

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

Mr. Thomas Papa is escorted to the rostrum by Senators Pearson and Picard. The Honorable President Dominick J. Ruggerio presents Thomas Papa with a gift from the Senate.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. **2017-S 681**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF RUBALCOOK, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2017-S 682**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF BETA ALPHA CHAPTER OF DELTA ZETA SORORITY HOUSE CORPORATION

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. 2017-S 686**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AMY HENRICH OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND, ON WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN THE ALPINE GIANT SLALOM AT THE 2017 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES IN AUSTRIA

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS - 33: The Honorable President Ruggiero and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paiva Weed, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:**CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2017-S 212**BY** Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Goodwin orders to be placed on the desk.

2. 2017-S 170**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION AT OF 2016

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Fogarty, Nesselbush, Conley, Coyne, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Algieri, Satchell, Kettle, Paolino, Seveney, DiPalma, Sosnowski, and Goldin.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 34 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 34: The Honorable President Ruggiero and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paiva Weed, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

3. 2017-S 531 SUB A**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2017-2018

Committee on Rules recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Felag, Algieri, Kettle, Archambault, and Gee.

Senators Nesselbush, Sheehan and Lombardi discuss the act.

Senator Lombardi, seconded by Senator Lynch Prata, McCaffrey and Kettle offers the following written amendment.

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LC002089/2

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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017**

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2017 -- S 0531 SUBSTITUTE A**

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2017-2018
Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2017 -- S 0531 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2017-2018", as follows:

1. On page 7, line 12, by deleting the language "4.9-4" and inserting in place thereof the language "4.10".
2. On page 7, line 15, by deleting the language "4.9-5" and inserting in place thereof the language "4.11".
3. On page 7, line 19, by deleting the language "4.9-6" and inserting in place thereof the language "4.12".
4. On page 7, line 27, by deleting the language "4.9-7" and inserting in place thereof the language "4.13".

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR LOMBARDI

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 32: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Paiva Weed, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 2: Senators Calkin, Nesselbush.

The act as amended is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 31: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Paiva Weed, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 3: Senators Calkin, Nesselbush, Sheehan.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS STATE HOUSE

March 30, 2017

The Honorable Senate
Senate Chamber
State House
Providence, RI 02903

To the Honorable, the Senate:

Pursuant to Section 5.1 of the Senate Rules, I am making the following appointment:

Senate Committee on Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight

Frank S. Lombardi, Chairperson
James C. Sheehan, Vice Chairperson
Frank Lombardo, III, Secretary
Stephen R. Archambault
Daniel DaPonte
Paul V. Jabour
Nicholas D. Kettle
Erin Lynch Prata

Sincerely,

Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate

Read and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 697**

BY Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Algiere, DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING THE HONORABLE M. TERESA PAIVA WEED FOR HER STALWART AND PASSIONATE SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2294/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paiva Weed, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Sosnowski.

Senators Pearson, Crowley, Miller, Sosnowski, Sheehan, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Goldin, Fogarty, DaPonte, DiPalma, Picard, Ciccone, Lombardo, Cote, Archambault, Felag, Satchell, Conley, Raptakis, Algiere, McCaffrey, Goodwin discuss the resolution.

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

Senator Paiva Weed is escorted to the rostrum by Senators Goodwin, McCaffrey and Algiere. The Honorable President Dominick J. Ruggerio presents Senator Paiva Weed with a gift from the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet tomorrow at the rise, in Room 313 of the State House.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator McCaffrey and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber former members of the Rhode Island Senate: Joseph A. Montalbano, Charles J. Levesque, and Stephen D. Alves.

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 Algieri and upon suggestion of Senator Satchell the Senate adjourns at 6:44 o'clock P.M, in memory of *Paul E. Barber, Sr, M.D.*

Appendix**INVOCATION****PHILLIP ZYMARIS*****The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Pawtucket***

O Lord Almighty, we raise our heart, mind & soul to you in prayer as we commemorate the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary along with the observance of the War of Independence for the nation of Greece in the modern era, (1821, inaugurated on March 25), which has become in our current days a celebration of Greek and American Democracy. We adore you as our Creator on this day as you entered the womb of your blessed mother, setting in motion the beginning of our salvation and our freedom from enslavement to sin. We offer thanksgiving prayers as well for the regeneration and liberation of the nation of Greece from its political enslavement which re-established democratic principles in the mother-land of Democracy. Show us all to be worthy of this freedom, strengthen us in safe-guarding it and preserve us in peace and harmony. Furthermore we pray today for the elected officials of the State of RI and Providence Plantations and the members of this chamber. Protect, guide and guard each of them and their families, bless them with good health and sound minds, that they may lead us in the right direction as they serve and minister to its citizens. For you are the source of life, our protector and savior and to you we ascribe glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017:**

- 1. The Reappointment of David V. D. Borden to the Atlantic States marine Fisheries Commission for a term expiring January 1, 2020.**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 2. The Reappointment of Jerry A. Sahagian (Public Member Representing the Coastal Community) to the Coastal Resources Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2020.**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 3. The Reappointment of Michael Hudner (Municipality Under 25,000 Elected or Appointed Official) to the Coastal Resources Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2020.**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 4. The Reappointment of Raymond Coia, Esq (Coastal Municipality Over 25,000 Elected or Appointed Official) to the Coastal Resources Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2020.**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.