

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Second 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 4:25 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Crowley.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journals of the Sixty-Fourth Legislative Day of the 2015 proceedings and the First Legislative Day of the 2016 proceedings are read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journals are dispensed with and the Journals are approved as recorded.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Coyne and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Margie O'Brien, on-air host Capitol TV.

Upon suggestion of Senator Cote and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Abigail Sheehan, Senator Sheehan's daughter.

Upon suggestion of Senator McCaffrey and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber from the Providence College Student Shadowing Program; Emma Reilly, Kimberley Lynch, Cassandra Caggiano, and Michael DeBarge.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goldin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Rhoda Perry, former State Senator.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President presents the following communication from Her Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

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STATE HOUSE**

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64-7.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation:

Michael A. Traficante

For a term expiring June 1, 2020.

To this reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 23-19-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation:

Charles A. Lombardi

For a term expiring July 1, 2019.

To this reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,
Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 36-8-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the State Retirement Board:

Jean Rondeau

For a term expiring March 1, 2020.

To this reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,
Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 36-8-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the State Retirement Board:

Mark Carruolo

For a term expiring March 1, 2019.

To this reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,
Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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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 illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley
Senate District 16

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2003****BY** Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Algieri, Lombardi, Walaska**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT CHIEF JUDGE HAIGANUSH R. BEDROSIAN ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO OUR STATE AND THE CITIZENS OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC3492/1}

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Lynch Prata, Gallo, Walaska, Felag, Cote.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2004**BY** Goldin, Paiva Weed, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE PERRY FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF ALEXANDER C. PERRY

{LC3548/1}

Senator Goldin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goldin moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

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

CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 06, 2016****Senate Bill No. 2002****BY** McCaffrey, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Creates "The Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Act of 2016" which would exempt from liability and provide immunity for violations of probation and/or parole to any person who administers an opioid antagonist to another person to prevent a drug overdose.) {LC3451/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Wednesday, January 6th.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Felag, Nesselbush, Fogarty, Sosnowski, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Gallo, Doyle, DaPonte, Raptakis, Goldin, Satchell, Archambault, Lombardi, Lombardo, Morgan, and Miller.

Senator Miller discusses the act.

The act is read and passed upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 1 Senator Ciccone.

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)

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Elizabeth H. Roberts, Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and Maria Montanaro, Director of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Goodwin announces that the Senate will not meet tomorrow Thursday, January 7th and next Thursday, January 14th.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goldin seconded by Senators Ruggerio and Algiere and upon suggestion of Senator Goldin the Senate adjourns at 4:44 o'clock P.M. in memory of Alexander C. Perry.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR MARYELLEN GOODWIN**

Almighty Father, as the New Year begins, let us continue the work of our previous session. We ask that You bestow a special blessing of good health and happiness on each member of this chamber and their families. Amen