

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Third 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 4:30 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 37: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, 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 – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Second Legislative Day of the 2016 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Archambault and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Daria Capaldi, senate intern from Smithfield.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Upon suggestion of Senator Archambault and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, requests that the senate rise to observe a moment of silence in the honor of David Cunha, former senate page.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2006**

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE WARDWELL FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER GEORGE ARTHUR WARDWELL, USN RET.
{LC3752/1}

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri and Ruggerio.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2007

BY DaPonte, Pearson, DiPalma, Lombardi, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD (Requires the public finance management board to ascertain and report on the total amount of public debt no less than every three (3) years.)
{LC3777/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

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

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STATE HOUSE**

January 7, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts:

Joseph L. Dowling Jr., MD

VICE
David M. Wax
(Deceased)

For a term expiring March 1, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

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)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senators Ruggerio and Algiere and upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma the Senate adjourns at 4:40 o'clock P.M. in memory of Chief Petty Officer George Arthur Wardell.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR LOUIS P. DIPALMA**

As we reconvene in the Senate Chamber, let us once again contemplate our reasons for being here. Let us also ask of our Creator that he bestow special blessings today on us all and properly guide us in serving the people of our State. Amen.