

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Fifth 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 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 34: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Crowley, Doyle, Pichardo, Sheehan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

January 28, 2016

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, January 19, 2016 due to illness.

Warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

James C. Sheehan
Senator – District 36

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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STATE HOUSE**

January 19, 2016

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 absent from the Senate Session on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Juan M. Pichardo
Senator – District 2

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

January 19, 2016

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 family emergency, I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, January 19, 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.

Also:

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

January 28, 2016

Rhode Island State Senate
State House
Providence, RI02903

To the Honorable Senate:

Pursuant to Section 5.2 of the Senate Rules for the 2015-2016
Legislative Session, I am making the following appointments to the Senate
Standing Committees:

Senate Committee on Finance

Senator John A. Pagliarini, Jr.

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Senator Nicholas D. Kettle

Senate Committee on Rules

Senator Nicholas D. Kettle

Senate Committee on Education

Senator Nicholas D. Kettle

Vice

Senator Elaine J. Morgan

Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

Senator John A. Pagliarini, Jr.

Vice

Senator Nicholas D. Kettle

I hereby appoint as **Secretary** to the **Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government**

Senator Donna M. Nesselbush.

Sincerely,
M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate

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:

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

January 14, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-16.1-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Labor and Training Board of Review:

Nathaniel J. Rendine, Esq.

(Representative of Labor)

For a term expiring February 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,
Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

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

January 14, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

Cheryl Merchant
(Employer Representative)

For a term expiring January 1, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

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

January 14, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

Mario Y. Bueno
(Representing Community Based Organization)

For a term expiring January 1, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

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

January 14, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

Paul MacDonald
(Representing Labor)

For a term expiring January 1, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

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

January 14, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

Martin Trueb
(Employer Representative)

For a term expiring January 1, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

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

January 14, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

John C. Gregory
(Employer Representative)

For a term expiring January 1, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

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

January 14, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 23-14.1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Health Professional Loan Repayment Board:

Jean Marie Rocha, MPH, RN
(Hospital Association of Rhode Island)

VICE
Ruth E. Ricciarelli

For a term expiring March 31, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Lynch Prata announces that that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Nesselbush announces that that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Metts announces that that the Committee on Education will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2080**

BY Metts, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Jabour

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

{LC3811/1}

Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

AT EASE

The Senate Stands at Ease at 4:43pm o'clock P.M

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate is called back to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:46 o'clock P.M.

Senate Resolution No. 2079**BY** Gallo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE INITIATIVE AND ACTIONS OF THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE THAT APPREHENDED AND CHARGED NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS WITH ROBBERY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING
{LC3889/1}

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Cranston Police Officers, Lt. Michael Pezzullo, Det. Erik Baccari, Det. Jamie Cahill, Colonel Michael Winkvist, Warwick Police Officers, Det. Sean Turcotte, Det. Thomas DiGregorio, Det. Timothy Grant, East Greenwich Police Officers, Det. Sgt. Jon Chirside, Sgt. Glenn Terelli, Det. Dave Black, Scituate Police Officer, Sgt. Donald Delaere, Jr., Department of Corrections Police Officer, Special Investigator Nuno Figueiredo and Garden Hills/Dean Estate Crime Watch, Albert Melikian, Jr..

Upon suggestion of Senator Lombardi, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Cranston Police Officers, Lt. Michael Pezzullo, Det. Erik Baccari, Det. Jamie Cahill, Colonel Michael Winkvist.

Upon suggestion of Senator Archambault, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Jim Rossi.

Upon suggestion of Senator Algieri, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, thanks the officers for their hard work.

Upon suggestion of Senator Miller, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber members from the Cranston Police Department.

Upon suggestion of Senator Kettle, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber members from the Scituate Police Department.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2081

BY Goodwin, Felag, Pearson, Pagliarini

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING, AND ATHLETICS --
AUTHORIZING STATE-OPERATED GAMING AT A FACILITY IN TIVERTON
{LC3782/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

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 Senator Kettle the Senate adjourns at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR HANNA M. GALLO**

Dear Lord, as senators we have great responsibility to our constituents. Help us to emulate your example of patience, respect, and kindness to all, as we strive to solve the problems, and improve the lives, of those we serve. Amen.