

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Sixth Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:11 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, 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, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sosnowski, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 3: Senators Nesselbush, Pearson, Sheehan.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Pastor Mark Benson of the Joy Fellowship Assembly of God Church, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

## NEW BUSINESS

**Senate Resolution No. 2082****BY** Algieri, Morgan, Paiva Weed, Lombardi, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2016, AS "#DSTRONG DAY" IN HONOR OF DORIAN MURRAY  
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Senator Algieri requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Algieri moves passage, seconded by Senators 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, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sosnowski, Walaska.

The resolution is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS: 35 The Honorable President Paiva Weed, Senators Algieri, 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, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS: 0

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senators Algieri, Morgan, Walaska, Lombardi, Metts and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber ***Dorian Murray***, along with family and friends, Donald Murray, dad, Kristy Murray, step-mom, Isabella Murray, sister, Melissa Murray, mom, Jennifer Lanphear, aunt, Madison Lanphear, cousin, Tyler Lanphear, uncle, Bruce Jacques, great uncle, Wendy Jacques, aunt, Mark Benson, pastor, Noelle Thomas friend, Kathryn Thomas, Kendra Porter, Alicia Truax, Amanda Austin, Isabella Austin, Gary Trebissaci, SkyeBlue Chan, friend, Nicole Rich, friend, Amanda Bailey Spencer, friend, Everett Spencer, friend, Laura Wallace, friend, Sage Wallace, Girlfriend of Dorian, Liam Wallace, friend, Colleen Brophy, ride, Cathy Larkin, friend, Sam Murray, Jim Murray, grandfather, Jean Murray, grandmother and Lisa White here today for #D-Strong Day in Rhode Island.

Upon suggestion of the Honorable President of the Senate, Senator Algieri welcomes to the Chamber Congressman David Cicilline.

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journals of the Fourth and Fifth Legislative Days of the 2016 proceedings are read in part.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

January 21, 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, Wednesday, January 20, 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:

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

January 20, 2016

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

Dear Madam President,

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will absent from the Chamber on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 due to a business commitment.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Ryan W. Pearson  
Senator – District 19

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Miller announces that the Nurse Anesthetists Reception will take place at the Providence Marriot today at 5 o'clock P.M.

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

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

**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 4:40 o'clock P.M.

***JOSEPH R. BRADY***  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix****INVOCATION****PASTOR MARK BENSON**

"After the death of Moses the LORD's servant, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, "Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you— from the wilderness in the south to the mountains in the north, from the River in the east to the Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.' No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.""

Joshua 1:1-9

Heavenly Father, I thank you that You are in control and with us right now. Father I ask that Your wisdom be revealed to us. I ask that Your peace be granted onto us, a peace that surpasses all logic and floods our hearts. I thank You that a strong day will be a day we slow down and see the good all around us. It will be a day we where we can reflect on all Your goodness. Father I thank you for being with us in Jesus Name I pray.