

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Journal of the Senate

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the fifth day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen.

Volume 143, No.27 Wednesday, March 16, 2016 Twenty-Seventh 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 33 Senators present and 5 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 33: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Doyle, 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 – 5: Senators Crowley, DaPonte, Felag, Pichardo, and Sheehan.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Father Timothy Myers, 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.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National anthem is performed by Belinda Philippe.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-Sixth Legislative Day of the 2016 proceedings is read in part.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

March 16, 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 illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, Thursday and Tuesday, March 16, 17 and 22, 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.

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

March 16, 2016

The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madame President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate Sessions on Wednesday, March 16, Thursday, March 17, Tuesday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 23.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2775

BY Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Conley, Doyle

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY

{LC5488/1}

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, O'Neill, Morgan, McCaffrey, Coyne, DiPalma, Archambault, Satchell, Fogarty, Kettle, Walaska, Gallo, Lynch Prata, Sosnowski, Metts and Pearson.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2776**BY** Ruggerio, Algiere, Ciccone, Lombardi, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

{LC5487/1}

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senators Algiere, Lombardi, Lombardo, Coyne, Archambault, Walaska, Pagliarini, Gallo and Ciccone.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

- 1. The Appointment of Jean Marie Rocha, MPH, RN (Hospital Association of Rhode Island) VICE Ruth E. Ricciarelli to the Health Professional Loan Repayment Board for a term expiring March 31, 2019.**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algiere, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Doyle, 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.

NAYS- 0:

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.

St. Patrick's Day & St. Joseph's Day Heritage Celebration*Words of Welcome***M. Teresa Paiva Weed**
*President of the Senate**Irish Co-Chair Address***Maryellen Goodwin**
*Senate Majority Whip**Irish Heritage Address***Kevin Stacom**
*Former Providence College &
NBA Basketball Player**Irish Musical Selections***Bryan Barrett & Joann Lurgio**
*St. Kevin's Church, Warwick**Italian Co-Chair Address***Dominick J. Ruggerio**
*Senate Majority Leader**Italian Heritage Address***Ernie DiGregorio**
*Former Providence College &
NBA Basketball Player**Italian Musical Selections***Giuseppe Simeone**
*'Ambrosiani Band***Vincent D'Adamo**
*Senate Doorman**Benediction***Father Robert L. Marciano**
*Saint Kevin Church, Warwick***ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Ruggerio the Senate adjourns at 5:20 o'clock P.M.

Appendix**BENEDICTION****FATHER ROBERT MARCIANO**

Father in Heaven, as we close these festivities this day, we are grateful for the opportunity to offer thanks to you. In every age and place you send us men and women outstanding in holiness to guide us through life and give us a glimpse of your love.

As we acclaim the noble lives of Saint Joseph the patron saint of Italy and Saint Patrick, the patron of Ireland, let us do with pride and with commitment to be just like them.

May our lives, our work and all our deeds give glory to you, and may we always be proud to be One Nation, under you our God, forever and ever. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016:

1. 2016-S 2480

BY Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016:

1. 2016-S 2506

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -
ELECTRICIANS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Joseph R. Brady
Secretary of the Senate