

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Twenty-Ninth 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 4:27 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 Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Crowley, Goldin, Pearson, and Pichardo.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

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:



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

March 17, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-73-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment of Child Advocate:

Jennifer Griffith, Esq.

VICE

Regina Marie Costa Gibb, Esq.

For a term expiring March 31, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2779****BY** Nesselbush

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 22ND THROUGH MARCH 29TH, 2016, AS "RHODE ISLAND COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS WEEK"

{LC5530/1}

Senator Nesselbush request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by Senators Fogarty, Lombardi, Archambault, Coyne, DiPalma, Ciccone, Satchell, Gee, Morgan, Algiere, Ruggerio, Sheehan, McCaffrey, Gallo, Lynch Prata, Walaska, Sosnowski, Fogarty, Metts, Felag, Picard, and Jabour.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Dr. Christy Dibble, Dr. Mariam Fayek, Dr. Nnenna Okpara, from (Women & Infants Hospital Center for Women's Gastrointestinal Health). Dr. Melissa Murphy, from (Kent Hospital's Kent Surgical Associates), Nancy Botelho, NP (Women & Infants Hospital Center for Women's Health), Ashley Weeks, (Patient-Survivor) Addie Silva, Karen Egerton, (Coordinator's at Women & Infants) Debb Smith, (Chair of the Partnership to Reduce Cancer in RI, Melissa Campbell (Partnership to Reduce Cancer in RI).

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2780****BY** Nesselbush

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2016, AS "ASHLEY WEEKS' DAY" IN HONOR OF ASHLEY WEEKS

{LC5531/1}

Senator Nesselbush request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Archambault, Goodwin, Walaska, Lynch Prata, Sosnowski, Jabour, Picard, Metts, Fogarty, Ruggerio and Sheehan.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Ashely Weeks, Cancer Survivor.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2778

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING ARTS
ADVOCACY IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC5503/1}

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Ruggerio, Metts, Lynch Prata, and DiPalma

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

Senate Resolution No. 2781

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING
OF THE HONORABLE RAYMOND E. GRIMES
{LC5532/1}

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

CALENDAR

1. **2016-S 2506**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -
ELECTRICIANS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and without objection, ordered to be placed on tomorrow's calendar Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Senator Jabour announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet tomorrow at 3:00pm in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Conley announces that the Committee on Environment & Agriculture will meet tomorrow at 3:00PM in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Lynch Prata announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet tomorrow at rise in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Gallo announces that the Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senators Ruggerio and Algieri the Senate adjourns at 4:43 o'clock P.M., in memory of *The Honorable Raymond E. Grimes*.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR MICHAEL J. McCaffrey**

Dear God, we ask you today to grant us the strength and confidence to make the decisions that will be of the greatest benefit to our citizens. We are eternally grateful to have the opportunity to serve the people of our state, and therefore, serve you. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016:

- 1. 2016-S 2506**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -
ELECTRICIANS

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Joseph R. Brady
Secretary of the Senate