

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Twenty Sixth 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 4:24 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, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski

ABSENT – 4: Senators Crowley, Goldin, Fogarty, Lynch Prata.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Monsignor Albert Kenney from the Diocese of Providence, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty Fifth Legislative Day of the 2017 proceedings is read in part.

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem is performed by The Ancient Order of Hibernians.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Archambault and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Tejal Tarrow, Smithfield.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber John Magee, John Reilly, Louise Ward, Tanya Dawson and Shioban Cox- Carlos, from Ireland. Senator Goodwin also welcomes Kevin and Kristine McHugh.

Upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Heiny Maldonado, Executive Director of Fuerza Laboral.

Upon suggestion of Senator Miller and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Dale Venturini, Executive Director of Rhode Island Hospitality and Tourism Council.

Upon suggestion of Senator Paolino and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber his parents, Lou Paolino and Marie Issa.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

March 15, 2017

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

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised I will be absent from the Senate Session on Thursday, March 16, 2017.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Paul W. Fogarty
Senator – District 23

Read and placed on file.

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
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

March 16, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 4-13-1.3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rabies Control Board:

Jennifer Gebar

(Representing a Humane Organization in RI)

Vice
Thomas J. Gulluscio, Jr.

For a term expiring September 1, 2020

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



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

March 16, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64-7.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation:

Deborah Thomas

For a term expiring June 1, 2021

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.



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

March 16, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64-7.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation:

Jonathan N. Savage
Chairman

For a term expiring June 1, 2021

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

Senator Picard, from the Committee on Commerce, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

The Appointment of Mary Brewster, AIA. VICE David R. Prengaman to the Board of Examination & Registration of Architects for a term expiring April 1, 2022

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 615**

BY Sheehan, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Fogarty, Doyle

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

{LC2175/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Sheehan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sheehan moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, McCaffrey, Doyle, Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gee, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio Satchell, Seveney, and Sosnowski.

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

Senate Resolution No. 616

BY Lombardi, Algiere, DiPalma, Ruggerio, Lombardo

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

{LC2176/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Lombardi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senators Algiere, DiPalma, Ruggerio, Lombardo, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Sosnowski.

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

Senate Resolution No. 617

BY Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Algieri, Gallo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES ON THE PASSING OF JOSEPH RICHARD BRADY

{LC230/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senators Algieri and Goodwin discuss the resolution.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Gallo, Gee, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Sosnowski.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Family of Joseph R. Brady; Kathryn Brady, Joseph Brady, III, Sheila Dunn, Meghan Dunn and Kaitlyn Dunn.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 618

BY Lombardo, Archambault, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS - RHODE ISLAND NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT (Simplifies process for foreign corporations to obtain certificate of authority by producing only certificate of good standing legal assistance from incorporating state or country.)

{LC1707/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 619**BY** Lynch Prata, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS--IN-PERSON

EARLY VOTING (Ends the voting of mail ballots at local board of canvassers. It also authorizes in-person early voting effective July 1, 2018, with the actual procedures to be established by rules promulgated by the state board of elections.)

{LC1708/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 620**BY** Morgan, Algieri, Kettle, Gee, Paolino**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING RHODE ISLAND NATIVE BILLY GILMAN ON HIS SINGING CAREER AND FINISHING AS RUNNER-UP ON THE VOICE

{LC2208/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Morgan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Morgan moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Sosnowski.

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

Billy Gilman thanks the senate for the resolution

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Morgan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber William W. "Billy" Gilman, III, Runner-Up on Season 11 "The Voice", Frances Fran Gilman (mother) Angela Bacari, (manager), Joy Eaton and Laura Little Holt.

Upon suggestion of Senator Algieri and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Angela Bacari.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

- 1. 2017-S 549**
BY Jabour
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF HENRY J. COCHRANE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

- 2. 2017-S 550**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE SONS OF LIBERTY BEER & SPIRITS COMPANY, ON BEING NAMED THE "AMERICAN CRAFT PRODUCER OF THE YEAR" AT WHISKY MAGAZINE'S 2017 ICONS OF WHISKY AWARDS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Ruggiero, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS - 32: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggiero, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

Appendix

St. Patrick's Day & St. Joseph's Day Heritage Celebration

Words of Welcome

M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate

Italian Co-Chair Address

The Honorable Frank S. Lombardi
Senator

Italian Heritage Address

Chris Tarro
Owner of Siena Restaurants

Special Guest

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Italian Musical Selections

Vincent D'Adamo
Senate Doorman

Irish Co-Chair Address

The Honorable James C. Sheehan
Senator

Irish Heritage Address

Robert I. Burke
Owner of Pot au Feu

Irish Musical Selections

The Ancient Order of Hibernians
Newport

Benediction

Father Angelo Carusi
Saint Rocco's Church, Johnston

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 Ruggerio congratulates Senator Harold Metts who will be inducted this Saturday into the Rhode Island Interscholastic League's "Basketball Legends" for his many years of service as a youth basketball coach.

BENEDICTION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Reverend Angelo Carusi from St. Rocco's Church, Johnston, to deliver the benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Sheehan, seconded by Senator Goodwin, the Senate adjourns at 5:57 o'clock P.M.

Appendix**BENEDICTION****FATHER ANGELO CARUSI**

Merciful Father, we place ourselves in your presence and give you thanks for all the blessings that you bestow upon us. As we celebrate this great Feast of St. Joseph, Protector and Patron of the worker keep our hearts steadfast in your love and committed to your holy service. Keep us ever mindful of the sacrifices made for us by our ancestors and ever committed to preserving our heritage and traditions. We ask you to bless all here present and give us the strength to follow the holy and just example of St. Joseph. We pray in a special way for all our public servants that St. Joseph will give them the gifts of wisdom and right judgement that they may carry out their offices with justice, honor, and strength.

Signore, Padre Santo, noi te glorifichiamo, perche' nella tua bonta' hai colmato san Giuseppe dei doni del tuo Spirito, esaltandolo in mezzo al tuo popolo come modello e ambasciatore presso la tua misericordia. Concedi al tuo popolo la salute del corpo e la consolazione dello spirito, difesa nei pericoli, sicurezza nel lavoro, serenita' nella famiglia, pace e Concordia nella comunita' e nel mondo interno. Accogli i voti e le preghiere che in unione con san Giuseppe oggi ti presentiamo con fiducia filiale.

We ask these and all our prayers through Him who lives reigns forever and ever. Amen.

St. Joseph and St. Patrick pray for us.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017:

- 1. The Appointment of Mary Brewster, AIA. VICE David R. Prengaman to the Board of Examination & Registration of Architects for a term expiring April 1, 2022.**

Committee on Commerce recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.