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Sixth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Rhoda E. Perry, Deputy President Pro Tempore, at 4:16 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 Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 5: Senators Badeau, Blais, Damiani, Irons, Revens.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Deputy President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Pichardo, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable Deputy President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Pichardo, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Wednesday, January 14, 2004 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Algieri and President Montalbano and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Deputy President Pro Tempore welcomes to the Chamber The Honorable Lincoln Chafee, United States Senator.

By unanimous consent the Honorable Senator, Lincoln Chafee, addresses the body.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Senator Tassoni, from the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2012 SUB A

BY Senators Tassoni, Polisena, Connors, Felag, Fogarty P

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No.2109

BY Senator Pichardo, Ciccone, Perry, Parella

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

Senator Pichardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:25 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR DANIEL DAPONTE**

Heavenly Father, as we commemorate the birthday of America's greatest civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us not mourn his death, but rather celebrate his victories. Instill in us his sense of dedication, perseverance, dignity, and respect for all your people. May we follow his lead in all our daily encounters with others. Amen.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2004:****1. 2004-S 2012 SUB A**

BY Senators Tassoni, Polisena, Connors, Felag, Fogarty P
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE
INCOME HOUSING**

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate