

## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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# Journal of the Senate

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

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First Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:14 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 37: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisen, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 1: Senator Lenihan.

### INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents His Excellency, Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

### GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Jason Hernandez, a senior attending the University of Rhode Island, who will be serving as an intern this year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2006-S 2001**

**BY Bates**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF GIVENS MARINE SURVIVAL SERVICE CO. INC.**

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

**RECESS**

Upon suggestion of Senate Ruggerio and by unanimous consent the Senate stands at recess at 4:22 o'clock P.M. until the call of the chair and that the desk shall remain open to receive new business.

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, on Thursday, January 5, 2006, at 4:09 o'clock P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix****INVOCATION****THOMAS J. TOBIN,  
BISHOP OF PROVIDENCE**

Dear God, as we prepare to begin our work for another year, we recall your promise to be with us when we gather in your name. We are grateful for the Privilege to serve our community, and we pray that with your help we will do so with generosity, honesty and humility. The gifts and talents and experiences you have given us, we now offer for your service. Give us the spirit of wisdom; that we will know what is right. Plant the seeds of your vision in our hearts and minds. Give us the spirit of Courage; that we will do what is right. Let us never hesitate to do good because of selfishness, anxiety or fear. Lord if we are to work together throughout this year we will need a generous portion of humility and humor. Help us to set aside our own needs and agendas in favor of the needs of our brothers and sisters. Inspire us to steadfastly manifest our unity as your children recalling that what we share is far greater than anything that divides us. Grant us the willingness to be open to each other, to respect each other, to listen to each other, to learn from each other, to be honest with each other, and be supportive of each other for the sake of our community and all those we serve. Finally, dear Lord, help us to believe that without you, we will labor in vain, but that with you, all things are possible. This is true, Lord now and forever. Amen.

**Appendix**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2006:**

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**Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr.**  
*Secretary of the Senate*