

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Journal of the Senate

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Second 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 4:17 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Jabour, Lanzi.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Second Legislative Day of the 2008 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Connors and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal approved as recorded with the following correction to the roll call vote to elect the Senate President. Senators Pinga and Raptakis are acknowledged by voting in the negative and not abstaining as previously indicated.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

January 7, 2009

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

Dear President Paiva Weed:

I am writing this letter to respectfully notify you that I will be absent from Senate Session today, Wednesday, January 07, 2009.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Beatrice A. Lanzi
Senator – District 26

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2

BY Senators Paiva-Weed, DaPonte, Connors, Bates, DeVall

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE GILBERT T. ROCHA

Senator Connors requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Connors moves passage, seconded by Senators DeVall and DaPonte.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 3

BY Senators Bates, Algiere, Blais, Maher

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING SENATOR JUNE N. GIBBS FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Senator Blais requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, DiPalma, Levesque and the entire senate.

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

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Connors, and upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte, the Senate adjourns at 4:28 o'clock P.M. in memory of the Honorable Gilbert T. Rocha

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JOHN F. MCBURNEY, III

Almighty and Most Merciful Father, We ask you that you send down your strength in order for these men and woman to better serve this state and the constituents which whom they represent. We also ask for your continued guidance all the days of this Legislative Session. Amen.