

**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 sixth day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and nine.**

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Third Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:20 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 38: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 0:

**INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator DiPalma, 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 DiPalma, and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal approved as recorded.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 4****BY** Senators Pichardo, Miller, Tassoni, Jabour**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE "CONSUMER CREDIT FAIRNESS ACT"

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 5****BY** Senators Paiva-Weed, Connors, DiPalma, Levesque C, Walaska**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE CLAIBORNE PELL

Senator Connors requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Connors moves passage, seconded by Senator DaPonte, Algieri and the entire Senate.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a rising 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator DaPonte announces that the Committee on Finance will meet Tuesday January 13, 2009, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Connors announces that Senator Paul W. Fogarty has a birthday today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Doyle, seconded by Senator Connors, the Senate adjourns at 4:32 o'clock P.M. in memory of United States Senator from Rhode Island Claiborne Pell.

JOSEPH R. BRADY  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR LOUIS P. DiPALMA**

Almighty God, whose servants we are, may our work today and throughout the remainder of this legislative session be guided to truly serve the people we represent, and be ever mindful of the effect our actions and decisions have on those we serve. Amen.