

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Journal of the Senate

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.

Volume 136, No.6

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Sixth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, Madam President of the Senate, at 4:36 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 Metts, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE

Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

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

Dear President Paiva Weed:

I am writing to request your approval, along with that of Speaker Murphy, of extending the deadline for submission of the State Budget for Fiscal year 2010. Under current law, the Budget is due this Thursday, January 15, 2009. I respectfully request an extension of the due date to on or before Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued work on behalf of the people of Rhode Island.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 55

BY Senators Metts, Pichardo, Paiva-Weed, Connors, Miller

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

Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Metts moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2009-S 52

BY Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CERRONI'S SERVICE CENTER, INC.

2. 2009-S 54**BY Gallo****ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING CATHERINE MORETTA ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CRANSTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Connors, seconded by Senator Ruggerio, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 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.

NAYS- 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Connors announces that the Senate will not have session on Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

Senator DaPonte announces that the Committee on Finance will meet on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator DaPonte announces that the Fiscal Staff will hold an informational caucus relating to the supplemental budget, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge.

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 Connors, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Metts, the Senate adjourns at 4:55 o'clock P.M. in memory Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR HAROLD E. METTS

Dear Lord, Help us to carry out your instructions in Psalm 82: 3,4 “Defend the poor and fatherless do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; aid them out of the hand of the wicked.” We remember the words of MLK “ The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in time of comfort and convenience but where he stands in times of challenge in controversy.” Help us O Lord to carry out our duties with fortitude and with compassion. In the name of the father, son and Holy Ghost, Amen and Praise God.