

**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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Tenth Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, Madam President of the Senate, at 4:21 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 3: Senators Lanzi, Lenihan, Sheehan.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator O'Neill, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The Honorable Madam President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator O'Neill, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Ninth Legislative Day of the 2009 proceedings is read in part.

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

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senators Lynch and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the daughters of Senator Pinga, Nicole A. Pinga and Michaella J. Pinga.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

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

**Senate Bill No. 45**

**BY** Senators Ciccone, Jabour, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE ( would change the date of inauguration from the first Sunday in January to the first Saturday at a time set by the town council.)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 47**

**BY** Senator Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF WARREN

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 63**

**BY** Senators DiPalma, Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 64**

**BY** Senators Fogarty P, Gallo, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER ( would ratify amendments to the town charter by the electors in the town of Gloucester on November 4, 2008.)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

**1 2009-S 95****BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF  
THE CHARTER OF SOUTH KINGSTON FOOD SERVICES, INC.**

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 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS- 34: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

ABSTAINED- 1: Senator Tassoni

**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 Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet tomorrow, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Levesque announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet tomorrow, at 3:45 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Maselli announces that the Committee on Rules will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 of the State House.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Doyle, seconded by Senator Connors, the Senate adjourns at 4:27 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR EDWARD J. O'NEILL**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your blessings of health and strength. We seek your encouragement in using these qualities to their fullest potential. Amen.

**Appendix**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2009:**

**1 2009-S 96**

**BY Ruggiero**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF  
THE CHARTER OF CERRON'S AUTO SALES, INC.**

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

**Appendix**

**SENATE CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009:**

**1 2009-S 45**

**BY Ciccone**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

**2 2009-S 47**

**BY Felag**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF WARREN**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

**3 2009-S 63**

**BY DiPalma**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

**4 2009-S 64**

**BY Fogarty P**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

**Joseph R. Brady**  
**Secretary of the Senate**