

## 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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Volume 136, No. 26      Tuesday, March 17, 2009,  
Wednesday, March 18, 2009 and      Twenty-sixth Legislative Day  
Thursday, March 19, 2009

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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 4:19 o'clock P.M.

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

**PRESENT** – 37: 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, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 1: Senators Raptakis

### INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

### APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-fifth Legislative Day of the 2009 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.

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Bates and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Coryn Drown, part of the Patriots Foundation and Andre Bernard Tippet, a former linebacker who played for the New England Patriots of the NFL. Currently the Patriots' Executive Director of Community Affairs. Pro Football Hall of Famer in 2008.

**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009:****1. 2009-S 373 as amended****BY Lynch****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended.

Senator Lynch moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Jabour, Pinga, Goodwin and Connors.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS- 0:

**2. 2009-S 591 SUB A****BY Bates****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - CHILD  
RESTRAINTS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senators Ciccone, Metts, Jabour and Walaska.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan,

Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

**3. 2009-H 5112 SUB B**

**BY Costantino**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND  
MEDICAID SERVICES WAIVER AND EXPENDITURE  
AUTHORITY**

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and the Substitute A and passage of Substitute B.

Senator DaPonte, moves passage, seconded by Senators Sosnowski, DeVall and Bates.

Senators Perry discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "B" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS- 0:

**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 Picard announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator DeVall announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Levesque announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Maselli announces that the Committee on Rules will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

### RECESS

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte, the Senate stands at recess at 4:31 o'clock P.M. in memory of Nicholas P. Tavares. He was the beloved son of Nulita "Lee" Tavares and former RI General Treasurer, Paul J. Tavares. He was a graduate of both East Providence High School and Rhode Island College. Nicholas was a very kind, gentle and loving young man, who possessed inner strength and had strong convictions, faith and conservative values. He will be greatly missed.

### CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 4:19 o'clock P.M.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Senate Resolution No. 792**

**BY** Maselli

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE  
{LC2225/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Rules.

### TRANSFER OF BILLS

Senator DaPonte, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Finance to the Committee on Government Oversight:

#### **Senate Bill No. 672**

**BY** Senator Lenihan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES  
(would require the chief purchasing officer as well as all public corporations and quasi-public agencies to monitor all state contracts with a value of greater than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)  
{LC1419/1}

Read and referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 398****BY** Senators Lenihan, Connors, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (would prohibit waiver of the bonding requirements on contractors awarded contracts in excess of fifty thousand dollars by the department of transportation or department or administration) {LC1418/1}

Read and referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 678****BY** Senators Lenihan, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES (would permit the property committee to hire or consult outside experts) {LC1417/1}

Read and referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

**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 measure:

**Senate Bill No. 558** (Transportation)**BY** Senators Algieri, Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC RAIL CORPORATION ACT (would allow each member of the board of directors of the Rhode Island public rail corporation to designate individuals to act on his or her behalf.) {LC1439/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

Senator Miller, from the Committee on Corporations, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

**Senate Bill No. 231 as amended****BY** Senators Bates, Sosnowski, Walaska, Algieri, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES ( would provide for the application of the hurricane deductible for losses in Block Island from hurricane force sustained winds reported by the national weather service.)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Senator McCaffrey, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 577**

**BY** Senator DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES ( would allow Elizabeth Hackett to join Jennifer Lynn Roediger and Rudolph Kevin Jindrcek in marriage within the town of Richmond, Rhode Island)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 609**

**BY** Senator Levesque C

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (join Casey Parsons and Joseph Gill in marriage) {LC1983/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 615**

**BY** Senators Bates, Levesque C, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow the Honorable Louis P. Cirillo to join Peter Joseph Alfano and Mary-Jo Pasqua Valentino in marriage within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island on or about August 29, 2009) {LC1908/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

**House Bill No. 5041**

**BY** Lally

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Kevin H. Michael to join Elizabeth Webster Coffin and Matthew Sprague Turco in marriage)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

**House Bill No. 5042**

**BY** Segal

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow Charles C. Vail to join Valerie Maine and Jordan Rosenblum in marriage)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

**House Bill No. 5043**

**BY** Walsh, Rice M

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow David Piper to join Rachel Mir and Christopher Piper in marriage)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

**House Bill No. 5072**

**BY** Ferri, Serpa, Naughton, McNamara, Gemma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES ( would allow the Honorable Scott Avedisian, Mayor of the City of Warwick to join Tina Marie Travis and Christopher Michael Bajakian in marriage within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

**House Bill No. 5075**

**BY** Walsh

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE ( would allow the Honorable Julia L. Aurigemma, Superior Court Judge for the State of Conn. to join Lauren M. Miller & Joel S. Orkin-Ramey in marriage at the 1661 Inn, New Shoreham, Rhode Island)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

**House Bill No. 5292**

**BY** Loughlin, Carter, Gallison, Serpa, Fellela

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES ( would allow Major General Robert T. Bray to join Sandra Ann Morse and Ronald William Barnes in marriage within the city of Cranston, Rhode Island)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

**House Bill No. 5296**

**BY** Serpa, Williamson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES ( would allow Patrick J. Cafferty to join Amy Farnsworth and Andrew Nagel in marriage within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island) {LC1012/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 82**

**BY** Senators Bates, Algiere, McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS-DIVORCE AND SEPARATION

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 85**

**BY** Senators Perry, Sosnowski, Miller, DeVall, Doyle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS ( would authorize persons sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) years of age who preregister to vote to automatically be registered upon reaching age eighteen (18).)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem is performed by Aaron Hackett-Guckian.

## GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Nancy Carriuolo President of Rhode Island College, Tom Polet Senate District Committee and Jessica Buhler, former director senior agenda coalition.

Upon suggestion of Senator Algiere and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Magistrate Ed Newman and wife of his Excellency the Governor, Sue Carcieri.

Upon suggestion of Senator Doyle and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Jackie Doyle, Paige Doyle, Jamie Doyle, John F. McBurney IV, Joseph J. McBurney and Mary Walsh.

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Kathleen Connell and Barbara Peters.

Upon suggestion of Senator Crowley and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Mayor Charles D. Moreau of Central Falls, Council President William Benson, Christine Crowley Defaria, Samantha Gauvin, Kathleen Palmer and Betty Lemieux.

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Martha Fogarty, Austin Coyne, Ann McCoy, Ann Polacek, Helen Manhoney and Barbra Lataille.



Upon suggestion of Senator Jabour and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the family and friends of Senator Pinga, Nicole A. Pinga daughter, Robert Mathias, Raymond Paolino former Representative, Dolores Paolino, Alan Palazzo and Norma Palazzo.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable S. Jean Cerroni wife of Senator Tassoni.

Upon suggestion of Senator Connors and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Dorothy Ruggerio, mother of Senator Ruggerio, Ida Santilli and Barbara Santilli.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ciccone and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Secretary of State A. Ralph Mollis.

Upon suggestion of Senator Algieri and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Judge Rafael Ovalles District Court, Judge Stephen Erickson District Court, Judge Jeffrey A. Lanphear Superior Court.

Upon suggestion of Senator Maselli and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Charles Agnew and Nancy Agnew, parents of Timothy Agnew, Deputy Sheriff to the Rhode Island Senate.

Upon suggestion of Senator Jabour and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Attorney General Patrick C. Lynch and Col. Brandon P. Doherty.

### COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

March 18, 2009

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

Dear Madame President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, due to illness.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Edward J. O'Neill  
Senate District 17

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

March 18, 2009

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

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, due to health issues. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Francis T. Maher, Jr.  
DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Senate Resolution No. 793**

**BY** Senator Lenihan

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY {LC2202/1}

Senator Lenihan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 794**

**BY** Senator Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY {LC2200/1}

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, by Senators Connors, Algiere and the entire Senate.

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 795**

**BY** Senators Paiva-Weed, Ruggerio, Connors, Lenihan, Algiere

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING SENATOR JOSEPH A. MONTALBANO FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2076/1}

Senator Connors requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

**RHODE ISLAND SENATE**

**St. Patrick's Day & St. Joseph's Day Heritage Celebration**

*Words of Welcome*

**M. Teresa Paiva Weed**  
*President of the Senate*

**Daniel P. Connors**  
*Senate Majority Leader*

**Dennis L. Algiere**  
*Senate Minority Leader*

*Italian Musical Selections*

**The Hank Doiron Duo**

*Italian Heritage Address*

**Joseph A. Montalbano**  
*Former President of the Senate*

*Irish Musical Selections*

**Cora from Cork**  
*County Cork, Ireland*

*Irish Heritage Address*

**Kathleen S. Connell**  
*Former Secretary of State*

*Special Performances*

**Shawn Fagan & Debbie Kane**  
**Damhsa Irish Step Dancers**

*Benediction*

**Reverend Nick Smith**

*St. Francis of Assisi Church of Wakefield*

### RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Paiva Weed, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Ciccone, the Senate stands at recess at 4:29 o'clock P.M.

### CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at 4:29 o'clock P.M.

### INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

### COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

March 19, 2009

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

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session today March 19, 2009.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Louis P. DiPalma  
Senator District 12

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

March 19, 2009

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

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Thursday, March 19, 2009, due to health issues. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Francis T. Maher, Jr.  
DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Senator McCaffrey, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

**Senate Bill No. 201**

**BY** Senators Jabour, Levesque C, DeVall, Crowley, Cote

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- FEDERAL ELECTIVE OFFICERS ( would require a special election to fill all federal senatorial vacancies & take away from the governor the power to make temporary appointments to fill the vacancies.)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Senate Resolution No. 796**

**BY** Senator Jabour

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF REV. FR. VARTAN KASSABIAN {LC2310/1}

Senator Jabour requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Jabour moves passage, seconded by Senator Metts and Ciccone.

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 797**

**BY** Senator Sheehan

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 19TH AS "OCEAN TIDES DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2308/1}

Senator Sheehan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sheehan moves passage, seconded by Senator Connors, Algieri, Felag, Lynch, Walaska and Crowley.

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

### GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Sheehan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber members of Ocean Tides, President Brendon Gerrity, Principal Jane Generoux, Brother Joseph Shafer, Brother John McGann, students Carlos Aquino of Providence, Lamarr Brown of Cranston, Christopher Hall of North Kingstown, George Jackson of South Kingstown, Jared Joseph of Cranston, Justin Sanchez of Lincoln, Ali Soumah of Central Falls, Nathan Spearman of Providence, Kevin Thorp of Westerly and Jacob Vargas of Providence.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2009-S 577  
**BY DiPalma**  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
2. 2009-S 609  
**BY Levesque C**  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
3. 2009-S 615  
**BY Bates**  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

4. **2009-H 5041**  
**BY Lally**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
5. **2009-H 5042**  
**BY Segal**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
6. **2009-H 5043**  
**BY Walsh**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
7. **2009-H 5072**  
**BY Ferri**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
8. **2009-H 5075**  
**BY Walsh**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE
9. **2009-H 5292**  
**BY Loughlin**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
10. **2009-H 5296**  
**BY Serpa**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Upon motion of Senator Connors, seconded by Senator Algieri, 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 as follows:

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

NAYS- 0:

## CALENDAR

### IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009:

1. **2009-S 231 as amended**  
**BY Bates**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - FIRE INSURANCE  
POLICIES AND RESERVES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senators Blais, Sosnowski, Miller and Walaska.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS- 0:

**2. 2009-S 558**

**BY Algieri**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -  
RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC RAIL CORPORATION ACT

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Algieri moves passage, seconded by Senator Blais.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS- 0:

**3. 2009-S 82**

**BY Bates**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS-DIVORCE AND  
SEPARATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senators Blais Maselli, O'Neill, Walaska, Lynch, McBurney, Perry, Gallo, Felag, DaPonte, Ruggerio and Connors.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 34: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lenihan, Levesque,



Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

**4. 2009-S 85**

**BY Perry**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Perry moves passage, seconded by Senators Metts, Miller and Jabour.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, as amended, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 2 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 2: Senators Bates, Blais.

### 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.

### GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Jabour and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Kenneth Marandola Jr. a Senate Page for 4 years, who has been accepted to the Class of 2009 Rhode Island State Police Academy.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Lynch announces that the Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Sheehan announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Maselli announces that the Committee on Rules will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Doyle, seconded by Senator Connors, and upon suggestion of Senator Jabour, the Senate adjourns at 4:52 o'clock P.M. in memory Father Vartan Kassabian.

JOSEPH R. BRADY  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix****INVOCATION****SENATOR DANIEL P. CONNORS**

I bind me to-day, God's might to direct me, God's power to protect me, God's wisdom for learnin, God's eye for discerning, God's ear for my hearing, God's word for my clearing. God's hand for my cover, God's path to pass over, God's buckler to guard me, God's army to ward me, Against snares of the devil, Against vice's temptation, Against wrong inclination, Against men who plot evil, A near or afar, with many or few. Christ near, This Dr. Sigerson's rendering of the hymn is in the same measure, metre, and rhythm of the original. Christ here, Christ be with me, Christ beneath me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ be o'er me, Christ before me. Christ in the left and the right, Christ hither and thither, Christ in the sight, Of each eye that shall seek me, In each ear that shall hear, In each mouth that shall speak me-Christ not the less In each heart I address. I bind me to-day on the Triune- I call, With faith in the Trinity-Unity-God over all.

**Appendix****INVOCATION****SENATOR DOMINICK J. RUGGERIO**

Blessed Saint Joseph, your intercession can make possible the impossible things. Come to help us in these moments of contention and conflict. Take under your protection the difficult tasks and situations we commend to you, so they have a happy solution according to God's will. As our protector, fill us with your internal spirit of peace, silence, honest work and prayer so that we may serve others as you have served us. Amen.

**Appendix**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009:**

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**BY Jabour**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- FEDERAL ELECTIVE  
OFFICERS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.