

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Fourteenth 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 4:29 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, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 3: Senators Ciccone, Doyle, Felag.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Thirteenth Legislative Day of the 2012 proceedings is read in part.

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2305****BY** DiPalma, Ruggerio, Tassoni, Paiva Weed, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 29 THROUGH FEBRUARY 4, 2012, AS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC983/1}

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Crowley, Jabour, Gallo, Goodwin, Walaska, Lombardo, Fogarty and Pichardo.

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

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

House Bill No. 7209 SUB A as amended**BY** Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO REDISTRICTING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY {LC811/A/1}

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Bates, Jabour, Goodwin and Pichardo.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 2 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 33: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 2: Senators Hodgson, Pinga.

Also:

House Resolution No. 7018**BY** Hearn

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PURCHASE AND USE OF TEXTBOOKS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the above commission from 10/1/11, to 3/1/12, and said commission would expire on May 3, 2012.)

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators O'Neill, Sheehan and Maher.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2306****BY** DaPonte

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN PONTA DELGADA, AZORES {LC1180/1}

Senator DaPonte requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DaPonte moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Gallo, Lynch, Nesselbush, Jabour and Moura.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. **2012-S 2056**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
2. **2012-S 2135**
BY Bates
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
3. **2012-S 2141**
BY Walaska
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
4. **2012-S 2144**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
5. **2012-S 2304**
BY Hodgson
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM A. FOSTER

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, 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.

(See Appendix for List)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Tassoni wishes Jason Golditch from Capital Television a Happy 44th Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri the Senate adjourns at 4:44 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JOHN J. TASSONI

Almighty Father, grant to us healthy doses of compassion and insight. We pray for Your guidance and Your wisdom. Bless our leadership on both sides of the aisle, but most of all bless those we are called to serve. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2012:

- 1. 2012-S 2210**
BY O'Neill
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

- 2. 2012-S 2179**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

House Bill No. 7209 SUB A as amended

BY Ucci

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO REDISTRICTING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
{LC811/A/1}**