

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Sixteenth 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 4:28 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Hodgson, Maher.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

February 8, 2012

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, February 8, 2012 due to illness. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dawson T. Hodgson
DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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STATE HOUSE**

February 8, 2012

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, February 8, 2012 due to a serious family illness. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Francis T. Maher, Jr.
SENIOR DEPUTY MINORITY

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Senator DaPonte from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2244

(by request)

BY Sheehan, Hodgson

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO FINANCE REPLACEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE DAVISVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THE FISHING COVE, HAMILTON, QUIDNESSET AND STONY LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$6,465,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR {LC831/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2012-S 2346

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DEAN C. KELCHNER

2. 2012-S 2347

BY Maher

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MATTHEW DAVID PEREIRA UPON ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

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, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Metts announces that the 3rd Annual Joint Legislative Heritage Celebration will be in the House Chamber at 5 o'clock P.M.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet tomorrow, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 of the State House.

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

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

Senator Ruggiero announces that next Thursday, February 16, 2012 is the deadline for public bill introduction.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Ruggiero seconded by Senator Algieri the Senate adjourns at 4:33 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR NICHOLAS D. KETTLE

Heavenly Father, please bestow your wisdom on everyone here today. As we begin this lively experiment, help us remember that in Your eyes we are all non-partisan. With Your wisdom and in Your light, may we progress through the hectic days ahead. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 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.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012:

1. **2012-S 2244**
BY Sheehan
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO FINANCE REPLACEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE DAVISVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THE FISHING COVE, HAMILTON, QUIDNESSET AND STONY LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$6,465,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Finance recommends passage.