

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 third day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve.

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Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Tenth 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 4:34 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, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Ciccone, Moura.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Jabour 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 2012 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Jabour 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**

January 25, 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, January 25, 2012 due to illness. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bethany Moura
SENATOR, DISTRICT 10

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

January 25, 2012

Rhode Island State Senate
State House
Providence, RI 02903

To The Honorable Senate:

Pursuant to Section 5.2 of the Interim Senate Rules, the following Senate appointment is being made to the Joint Legislative Committee on Health Care Oversight:

Senator Louis P. DiPalma

VICE

Senator John J. Tassoni

Sincerely,

M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2234**BY** Sheehan

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE GABRIELLE GIFFORDS FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF ARIZONA AND THE UNITED STATES {LC852/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2235**BY** DeVall

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JESSICA COOK ON HER ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE CYBER FOUNDATION COMPETITION {LC742/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2236**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Goodwin, Lynch, Gallo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ROBERTA RICHMAN ON BEING INDUCTED INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE HALL OF FAME {LC818/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2237**BY** Pichardo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PEDRO M. CANO {LC850/1}

Senator Pichardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Metts, Nesselbush, Goodwin and Lynch.

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

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 Committee on Education will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

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

Senator Perry announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services has been canceled and will be rescheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri and upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo the Senate adjourns at 4:44 o'clock P.M. in memory of Pedro M. Cano.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR PAUL V. JABOUR**

Guide us, Lord, towards a deeper understanding of the needs of the people of our State; may we be instrumental in serving those needs. Let us work to improve the lives of those who have no voice in their government. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012:

1. 2012-S 2234

BY Sheehan

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE GABRIELLE GIFFORDS FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF ARIZONA AND THE UNITED STATES

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2012-S 2235

BY DeVall

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JESSICA COOK ON HER ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE CYBER FOUNDATION COMPETITION

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. 2012-S 2236

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ROBERTA RICHMAN ON BEING INDUCTED INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE HALL OF FAME

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012:

1. 2012-S 2096

BY DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO ISSUE TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES PAYABLE IN FISCAL YEAR 2013

Committee on Finance recommends passage.