

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 fifth day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen.

Volume 143, No.28 Thursday, March 17, 2016 Twenty-Eighth 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 4:27 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, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Crowley and Pichardo.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-Seventh Legislative Day of the 2016 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Raptakis and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Panos N. Vlachos, Ph.D., President Anatolia college and American College of Thessaloniki Greece, Joann Ryding Beltes, VP for Institutional Advancement American Farm School and Perrotis College Thessaloniki, Greece.

Upon suggestion of Senators O'Neill and Archambault and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Bob Boucher, Council President of North Smithfield.

Upon suggestion of Senator Cote and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Donna Raptakis, wife of Senator Raptakis.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

March 17, 2016

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

Dear Madam President,

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on March 17, 2016, due to a professional obligation out of state.

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

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Senator Louis P. DiPalma
District 12

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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

March 17, 2016

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

Dear Madam President:

This letter is to inform you that I will not be in session on Thursday March 17, 2016, due to a personal issue.

I would appreciate you recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senator District ~ 7

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President presents the following communication from Her Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

March 16, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I am hereby withdrawing, without prejudice, the January 28, 2016 appointment of Thomas W. Kane to the Rhode Island Vehicle Value Commission.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and ordered to be placed on file.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

March 16, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Board of Education:

Timothy J. DelGiudice
(Council on Postsecondary Education, pursuant to RIGL Section § 16-59-2)

VICE
Judith Ouellette

For a term expiring January 31, 2019.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

March 16, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Board of Education:

Vivian L. Caruolo, Esq.
(Council on Postsecondary Education, pursuant to RIGL Section § 16-59-2)

VICE
John J. Smith Jr.

For a term expiring January 31, 2019.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

March 16, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Board of Education:

Heather D. Crosby

(Council on Postsecondary Education, pursuant to RIGL Section § 16-59-2)

VICE

Kerry I. Rafanelli, Esq.

For a term expiring January 31, 2019.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2777

BY Nesselbush, Paiva Weed, Goodwin, Lombardi, Satchell

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 12-19, 2016, AS "BRAIN WEEK RHODE ISLAND" AND RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH" {LC5466/1}

Senator Nesselbush requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Morgan, Coyne, Archambault, Satchell, Fogarty, Kettle, Gallo, DaPonte, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Sosnowski, Metts and Pearson.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Michael Baher, President of the Board, Debra Sharpe, Executive Director, Robyn Chapman, Community Relations Manager, Greg Walbridge, Board Member and Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Richard Muto, Survivor and Committee Member of the Advisory Committee and Development Committee, Mark J. Aubrey, Brain Injury Association & Screen Actor Guild SAG.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2016-S 2480

BY Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Jabour moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Morgan, Lynch Prata.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 28 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 28: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, Doyle, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS- 0:

HELD ON DESK RECOMMMITTAL

Upon Suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and without objection, Senator Goodwin requests that Senate Bill 2261 be removed from the desk and be recommitted to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2261

BY Ciccone, Walaska, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Nesselbush
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (Authorizes municipalities to require parking lots to have a person on site during operational hours to accept cash payments. The proceeds from the fine for failure to comply would be split between the municipality and the state.)
{LC3860/1}

Recommitted to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Kettle the Senate stands in Recess at 4:40 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 Tuesday, March 22nd at 4:24 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Algieri seconded by Senator Ruggerio the Senate adjourns at 4:26 o'clock P.M.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR MARYELLEN GOODWIN**

May there always be work for your hands to do. May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun always shine on your window pane. May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend be near you. May god fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.
May your neighbors respect you and trouble neglect you. And wherever you go and whatever
you do. May there always be angels to protect you.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016:

1. **2016-S 2506**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -
ELECTRICIANS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Joseph R. Brady
Secretary of the Senate