

**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 four.**

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Thirteenth Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable President Pro Tempore, John C. Revens Jr., at 4:00 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** – 34: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 4: Senators Damiani, Irons, Montalbano, Sheehan.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Badeau, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 3, 2004 proceedings is read in part.

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

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore welcomes to the Chamber Stacy Norell, a junior at Salve Regina University, who will be serving as an intern this year.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2236**

**BY** Senators Celona, Tassoni, Blais, Caprio F, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS ON WINNING THE SUPER BOWL.

Senator Celona requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Celona moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Bates announces that the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:05 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR ROGER R. BADEAU**

Almighty God, touch our minds with light, create in us a clearer insight, a just and true spirit that may lead to sound conclusions. Grant us mutual trust and good will. Amen.