

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 Second day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.

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Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Fourth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:09 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 2 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 2: Senators DaPonte and Paolino.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Third Legislative Day of the 2018 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Emily A. Silvia, Senior at Middletown High School and Niece of Legislative Director, Kristen Silvia.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Calkin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Dr. Garcia Chichilnisky, CEO of Global Thermostat, Wil Gregersen, Tri-State Climate Coalition, and Lisa Diamond Tri-State Climate Coalition.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

January 10, 2018

Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio

President of the Senate

318 State House

Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, due to illness. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Paolino

SENATOR, DISTRICT 17

Read and placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO THE CALENDAR**

Chairman Conley, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Resolution No. 2001

BY Conley,

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE TO ENTER INTO FINANCING LEASE AND PAYMENT AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BALLPARK IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET

{LC3247/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2002

BY Conley,

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND PROJECTS (Permits redevelopment agencies to finance the construction of projects for residential, recreational, commercial, industrial, institutional, public, or other purposes contemplated by a redevelopment plan.)

{LC3246/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2005**

BY Lynch Prata,

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOSEPH V. COMISKEY

{LC3315/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lynch Prata requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lynch moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Metts, Ciccone, and McCaffrey.

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 Her Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator McCaffrey and upon the suggestion of Senator Lynch Prata the Senate adjourns in memory of Joseph V. Comiskey at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR STEPHEN R. ARCHAMABULT**

Lord, we pray for your guidance in understanding the problems and issues we will face during the General Assembly session. May your supreme law of love and tolerance always guide our actions. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANURARY 16, 2018:

1. Senate Resolution No. 2001

BY Conley

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Committee recommends passage.

2. Senate Bill No. 2002

BY Conley

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Committee recommends passage.