

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Seventh Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:13 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 29 Senators present and 8 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 29: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Calkin, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 8: Senators Archambault, Ciccone, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Gallo, Kettle, Morgan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Coyne 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 17, 2018

The Honorable Dominick Ruggerio
President of the Senate
State House Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggerio

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate Session today, Wednesday January 17, 2018, due to the passing of a friend.

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

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Senator District ~ 7

Read and placed on file.



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

January 17, 2018

The Honorable Dominick Ruggerio
President of the Senate
State House Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley
Senate District 16

Read and placed on file.



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

January 17, 2018

The Honorable Dominick Ruggerio
President of the Senate
State House Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 due to a work conflict.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel Da Ponte
Senator, District 14

Read and placed on file.



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

January 17, 2018

The Honorable Dominick Ruggerio
President of the Senate
State House Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, due to illness. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine J. Morgan
DEPUTY MINORITY WHIP

Read and placed on file

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2041****BY** Pearson, Picard, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF JONATHAN TEDFORD PARTINGTON
{LC3358/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Pearson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pearson moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Jabour, Metts, Gee, Coyne, DiPalma.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2042**BY** Sosnowski, Algieri, Gee, Felag, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING STEPHEN A. ALFRED ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FOUR DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS TOWN MANAGER OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND
{LC3300/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Felag, Algieri, DiPalma, Gee, Goodwin, Miller, Nesselbush, Lombardi

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

Senate Bill No. 2043**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF JOSEPH MERRITT & COMPANY, INCORPORATED
{LC3875/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2018-S 2040

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING DANIEL PUCELLA FOR SEVENTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH KINGSTOWN COMMUNITY

Upon the motion of Senate Majority Leader McCaffrey, Seconded by Senate Minority Leader Algiere, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by Unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS – 29: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Calkin, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS – 0:

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Goodwin announces that the Gentlemen's Academy at Jorge Alvarez High School is accepting neckties, and encourages any Senator or member of staff who would like to donate a necktie to do so.

Senator Goodwin announces that the sexual harassment training for senators will begin at the rise of the Senate in the lounge.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Maryellen Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algiere and upon the suggestion of Senator Picard the Senate adjourns at 4:28 o'clock P.M. in memory of Jonathan Tedford Partington.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR CYNTHIA A. COYNE

Dear God, we ask that you be with us today in our thoughts and actions as we try to work for the benefit of all our constituents. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018:

1. 2018-S 2043

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF JOSEPH MERRITT & COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.