

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Thursday, January 25, 2018

Eleventh Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:47 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 3: Senators Archambault, Calkin, and Crowley.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

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

January 25, 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 due to illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Thursday, January 25, 2018.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Jeanine Calkin
Senate District 30
Warwick

Read and placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

Chairwoman Sosnowski, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Resolution No. 2053 SUB A

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RHODE ISLAND WATER RESOURCES BOARD AND WATER SUPPLY (This resolution would extend the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study the Rhode Island Water Resources Board and Water Supply from January 3, 2018 to March 30, 2018, and said commission would expire on June 1, 2018.)

{LC3902/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2109

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY PESTICIDE CONTROL REGULATIONS (Extends the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study pesticide control regulations from March 1, 2018, to March 30, 2018, and said commission expires on June 1, 2018.)

{LC3910/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2164**

BY Sheehan, Cote, Gee, Picard, Satchell

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING PAUL TETREAULT, NORTH KINGSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY COACH, ON WINNING THE 2017 "HOMETOWN HERO AWARD" FROM FLOSPORTS

{LC3912/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Sheehan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sheehan moves passage, seconded by Senators Cote, Satchell, Coyne, Lombardo, Lombardi, Kettle, Lynch Prata, and Metts.

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

Senate Bill No. 2165

BY McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL
CONVERSIONS ACT (Provides that no officer, director or senior management employee of any
nonprofit hospital medical service corporation or subsidiary would solicit or accept any
pecuniary reward as a result of a conversion.)
{LC4200/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2166

BY McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Goodwin, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH
CARE FACILITIES (Caps certain hospital employee compensation at not exceeding 110% of
NE regional average of comparable personnel at comparable hospitals with exemption for
physicians/nurses/licensed health care personnel effective October 1, 2018.)
{LC4199/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

INTRODUCTIONS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sheehan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber North Kingstown High School Track and Cross Country Coach Paul Tetreault, Janice Tetreault, Ross Tetreault, Amber and Cliff Alston, Chelsea Tetreault, Grandchildren Paige and Harper Alston, and Friend Janet Raymond.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2018-S 2161

BY Morgan

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2018
AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION
MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Removed from today's Consent Calendar and placed on Thursday, February 01, 2018 for Immediate Consideration.

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 motion of Senator Maryellen Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:58 o'clock P.M.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DANIEL DAPONTE

Almighty Father, Blessed are You for giving us family and friends, To be with us in times of joy and sorrow, To help us in days of need, And to rejoice with us in moments of celebration. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018:

1. 2018-S 2053 SUB A

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RHODE ISLAND WATER RESOURCES BOARD AND WATER SUPPLY

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

2. 2018-S 2109

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY PESTICIDE CONTROL REGULATIONS

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018:

- 1. The Appointment of Mark A. Furcolo (Director) VICE Robert Hull to the Department of Revenue.**

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Ordered on the Calendar.