

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Twelfth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:11 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 33 Senators present and 4 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, 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, Seveney, Sheehan.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Archambault, Cote, Satchell, Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Felag 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
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

January 18, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I am hereby withdrawing, without prejudice, the January 18, 2018 reappointment of Elizabeth Huidekoper to the I-195 Redevelopment Commission.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and placed on file.



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

January 30, 2018

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate
317 State House
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 Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator v. Susan Sosnowski
Senator District 37

Read and placed on file.



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318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggerio:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Adam J. Satchell
Senate District 09

Read and placed on file.



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

January 30, 2018

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

Dear President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today, January 30, 2018 due to an illness.

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

Warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Marc A. Cote
Senator – District 24

Read and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2167****BY** Goldin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28TH TO FEBRUARY 3RD OF 2018 TO BE "PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC3945/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goldin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goldin moves passage, seconded by Senators Coyne, Gallo, Algieri, Gee, Lombardi, and Nesselbush.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Goldin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Herbert Chen MD of Rhode Island Hospital, and Evan Burke MD of Providence Rhode Island.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2169****BY** Crowley

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF SISTER LORRAINE MACPHERSON, SUSC
{LC4030/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Nesselbush, Metts, Algieri, Kettle, Lombardo, Sheehan, Goodwin.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2168**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANNA BRUSCO

{LC4194/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Miller requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Euer.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Upon motion of Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Algiere, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Calkin, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Seveney, Sheehan.**NAYS – 0:**

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Senator Conley moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment,

Seconded by Senators Felag, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Ciccone, Lynch Prata, Miller, Lombardi, Algiere, Kettle, Gee, DaPonte, Paolino, Coyne, DiPalma.

The advice and consent of the senate is given this appointment, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote with 33 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, 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, Seveney, Sheehan.

NAYS – 0:

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of senator Conley, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the newly appointed Mark A. Furcolo, and his wife Peggy Furcolo.

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.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Senator Ciccone rises on a Point of Personal Privilege.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Lombardo announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today at the rise of the Senate in room 212 of the State House.

Senator Raptakis announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in room 310 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet Tuesday, February 6th at the rise of the Senate in the Lounge of the State House.

Senator Goodwin announces that an Ethics Training will take place at 5:00 o'clock P.M. in the Lounge of the State House.

Senator Goodwin thanks everyone for the numerous ties that were donated to the Gentleman's Academy at Dr. Jorge Alvarez High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Maryellen Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri and upon the suggestion of Senator Crowley the Senate adjourns at 4:33 o'clock P.M. in memory of Sister Lorraine Macpherson.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR WALTER S. FELAG, Jr.**

Dear Lord, remind us as legislators we have a great responsibility to our constituents. Help us to emulate your examples of patience, respect, and kindness to all, as we strive to solve the problems and improve the lives of those we serve. Amen.