

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

# Journal of the Senate

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Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Sixteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:33 o'clock P.M.

## ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

**PRESENT – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

**ABSENT – 1:** Senator Miller.

## INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo 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**

February 7, 2018

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to personal reasons, I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, February 7, 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**

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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, February 7, 2018, due to an illness in the family. 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.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

Chairman Picard, from the Committee on Commerce, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

**Senate Resolution No. 2178**

**BY** Crowley, Picard, Nesselbush, Jabour

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, ENHANCING BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY  
{LC4252/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

Chairwoman Lynch Prata, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 2094**

**BY** Satchell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Patrick J. Cafferty to join Lindsay Mary Nagel and Christopher Robert Lacek in marriage on or about June 9, 2018, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)  
{LC3879/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2095**

**BY** Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kayla Benoit to join Jessica Marie Either and Alex Dylan Beauregard in marriage on or about September 16, 2018, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.)  
{LC3353/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2097**

**BY** Felag, Euer, Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thomas Deegan Douglass to join Meaghan Siobhan Dendy and James Everett Case in marriage on or about May 19, 2018, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)  
{LC3787/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2149****BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Janet McCarthy to join Carrie Pamela Mitchell and Joseph Everett Kolb in marriage on or about May 19, 2018, within the Village of Wickford, Rhode Island.)  
{LC3998/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2282****BY** DaPonte

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Driscoll to join Kaitlin E. Twomey and Johnathan M. Clabbers in marriage on or about October 6, 2018, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.)  
{LC3999/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2293****BY** Satchell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows David P. Raiche to join Jillian Marie Rainville and Kevin James Nesbitt in marriage on or about October 12, 2018, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)  
{LC4195/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2312****BY** McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 26 THROUGH MARCH 4, 2018, AS "EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC3229/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators, Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator McCaffrey and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber, Nicolle Potvin, a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and currently in the Masters Program in Psychology at Northeastern University, and her mother Natalie, a Warwick school teacher.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1.     **2018-S 2023**  
       **BY** Nesselbush  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
       Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2.     **2018-S 2029**  
       **BY** Lynch Prata  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
       Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3.     **2018-S 2087**  
       **BY** Euer  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
       Committee on Judiciary 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, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Nesselbush, Paolino, 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 Raptakis announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet today at the rise of the Senate in room 310 of the State House.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardo and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber, former State Senator Joseph M. Polisena and currently the Mayor of Johnston.

Senator McCaffrey congratulates Senator DiPalma and Senator Coyne on receiving awards from the Rhode Island Coalition for Children and Families.

Senator Goodwin announces that the deadline for bill introduction is next Thursday.

Senator Metts announces that the Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in room 212 of the State House.

**RECESS**

Upon motion of Senator Maryellen Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri the Senate stands in Recess at 4:46 o'clock P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Upon motion of Senator Maryellen Goodwin, the Senate is called to order at 4:19 o'clock P.M.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

Chairman Ciccone, from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back with recommendation of passage of the following measure.

**The Appointment of Timothy P. McLaughlin as the State Fire Marshal for a term expiring August 1, 2023.**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Maryellen Goodwin, seconded by Senator McCaffrey and Senator Algieri the Senate adjourns at 4:21 o'clock P.M.

***ROBERT L. RICCI***  
*Secretary of the Senate*



**Appendix****INVOCATION****SENATOR HANNA M. GALLO**

Heavenly Father, we ask you to teach us to give and not count the cost, and to labor and not ask for rewards. Above all, teach us that it is only what we give in love and service to others which endures forever. Amen.

## Appendix

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018:

1.     **2018-S 2178**  
      **BY** Crowley  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP  
      BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, ENHANCING BILATERAL  
      RELATIONS, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL  
      COMMUNITY  
  
      Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
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      **BY** Satchell  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3.     **2018-S 2095**  
      **BY** Nesselbush  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4.     **2018-S 2097**  
      **BY** Felag  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
5.     **2018-S 2149**  
      **BY** DiPalma  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
6.     **2018-S 2282**  
      **BY** DaPonte  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**7. 2018-S 2293**

**BY** Satchell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

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