

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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# Journal of the Senate

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**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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Seventeenth Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:22 o'clock P.M.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

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

**ABSENT – 2:** Senators Gee, and Miller.

## **INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senators Jabour, Metts, and Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Henrietta White, Cliff Wood, Julia Noguchi, Barbara Silvia, Kathy Jellison, and Ashoka Mukpo.

Upon the suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Anthony Spiratos, of Middletown, Seeseui Kouptsova, Galina Kouptsova, Sariah Kouptsova, and Katya Kouptsova.

**COMMUNICATION**

The Honorable President presents the following communication:



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

February 8, 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 Thursday, February 8, 2018, for personal reasons. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark W. Gee  
DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

Read and placed on file.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2313****BY** Lombardi, Gallo, Miller, Algieri, Kettle**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE FUNG FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF KWONG-WEN FUNG  
{LC4557/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lombardi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senators Gallo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Jabour, Morgan, Quezada, Metts, Nesselbush, Ciccone, Algieri, Coyne, Lombardo, Paolino, DaPonte, Conley, Euer, DiPalma.

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

**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.

**2. 2018-S 2094****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  
  
       Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

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

**NAYS – 0:**

## **CALENDAR**

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

1.     **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.

Senator Ciccone moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Felag, McCaffrey, Conley, Gallo, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Fogarty, Picard, Algieri, Kettle, Satchell, Paolino, DiPalma, Seveney, and Lombardo.

Senators Lombardo, Algiere, Conley, and Nesselbush discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, 35 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

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

**NAYS – 0:**

### **GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Ciccone, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the newly appointed Timothy P. McLaughlin.

Upon the suggestion of Senators Lynch Prata and Fogarty, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Welcomes to the Chamber the family of the newly appointed Timothy P. McLaughlin, wife Heather, father John, and brother Jay.

### **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 Metts announces that the Rhode Island Black and Latino Caucus will be hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Legislative Black History Month Heritage Celebration on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 3:00 o'clock P.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M. in the Library of the State House.

Senator Crowley Congratulates Senator Nesselbush on being reappointed Chief Judge of the Pawtucket Municipal Court.

Senator Ciccone announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet Tuesday February, 13, 2018 at the rise of the Senate in room 212 of the State House.

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sheehan, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Welcomes to the Chamber, Consul General Mr. Yonghyon Kim, Sung-min Ko who is Consul in the Korean Consulate General in Boston, Mr. Sung-min Ko Consul, Mr. Moon-kyu Choi Assistant to the Consul General, Angela K. Sharkey, and Monica Lee.

**SPECIAL GUEST**

Consul General Mr. Yonghyon Kim addresses the Senate Chamber.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Maryellen Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algiere and upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardi the Senate adjourns at 4:36 o'clock P.M. in memory of *Kwong-Wen Fung*.

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

**Appendix****INVOCATION****SENATOR PAUL V. JABOUR**

Dear Lord, We pray that you bless this Senate. Help us to work with a real commitment to resolving the problems that face our State. Remind us to always treat each other with dignity and respect. Amen.