

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Eighteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:31 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Crowley, Gee, Lombardo, and McCaffrey.

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 Journals of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Legislative Days of the 2018 proceedings are read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journals are dispensed with and the Journals approved as recorded.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senators Metts and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Dr. Donna Braun, Executive Director for the Center for Leadership and Educational Equity, Kristen LaCroix, Director for Principal Residency Network, Mary Viera, Co-Director of the Learning Leader Network, and Dr. Barbra Mullen, Co-Director of the Learning Leader Network.

Upon the suggestion of Senators Lynch Prata and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber her intern Kathryn Gregory, a freshman at Providence College.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:



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

February 13, 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 illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, February 13, 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**

February 13, 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 Tuesday, February 13, 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.



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

February 13, 2018

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

Dear President:

I am writing to inform you that I will be unable to attend session Tuesday, February 13, 2018 due to illness.

I would appreciate you recording my letter in the appropriate senate journal.

Sincerely,

Michael J. McCaffrey
Senate District 29

Read and placed on file.



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

February 13, 2018

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

Dear President:

I am writing to inform you that I will be unable to attend session Tuesday, February 13 – Thursday, February 15 due to illness.

Sincerely,

Frank Lombardo III
Senate District 25

Read and placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator Ciccone in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2083

BY Calkin, Quezada, Satchell, Miller, Euer, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES (Authorizes HHS to apply for waivers to ensure for housing, healthcare, and mental and behavioral health care services for the homeless.)

{LC3370/1}

Transferred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2314**

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING SUSAN SCHENCK ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE EAST BAY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

{LC3951/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators Archambault, Coyne, Seveney, Conley, and Euer.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2315

BY Metts, Quezada, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC4619/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Metts moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Sosnowski.

Senator Jabour discusses the resolution.

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

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 Nesselbush announces that Tarana Burke, the founder of the "Me Too" will meet tomorrow at 1:00 o'clock P.M. in the State Room of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Lounge of the State House.

Senator Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Lounge of the State House.

Senator Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in room 313 of the State House.

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

Senator Coyne announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in room 211 of the State House.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Chairman Fogarty, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

The Appointment of Derek M. Silva (Representing Labor) VICE Frank Montanaro to the Rhode Island Labor Relations Board for a term expiring August 1, 2021.

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Maryellen Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri the Senate adjourns at 4:54 o'clock P.M.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

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

Lord, as we celebrate Saint Valentine's Day tomorrow, let us remember that there are three things that shall always last - Faith, Hope, and Love; and the greatest of these is Love. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018:

- 1. The Appointment of Derek M. Silva (Representing Labor) VICE Frank Montanaro to the Rhode Island Labor Relations Board for a term expiring August 1, 2021.**

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