

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Journal of the Senate

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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Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Nineteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:14 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 Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

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

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senators Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Robert Zarnetske, the Town Manager of South Kingston.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:



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

February 14, 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 14, 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 14, 2018

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

Dear Mr. President,

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate Session today, Wednesday, February 14th, as I am ill.

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

Sincerely,

Leonidas P. Raptakis
Senator – District 33R

Read and placed on file.



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

February 14, 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 14, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2316

BY Pearson, Picard, Goodwin, Lombardi, Metts

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE
MARSZALKOWSKI FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF THEODORE MARSZALKOWSKI
{LC4569/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Pearson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pearson moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Lombardi, Gee, Lynch Prata, Conley, Nesselbush, Fogarty, Metts, and Picard.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a rising 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 Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in room 313 of the State House.

Senator Lynch Prata announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs will meet today at the rise of the Senate in room 310 of the State House

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

Senator Lombardi announces that the Committee on Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Maryellen Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri and upon the suggestion of Senator Pearson the Senate adjourns at 4:22 o'clock P.M. In memory of *Theodore Marszalkowski*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR MARYELLEN GOODWIN**

Dear Lord, as we acknowledge your presence on this Ash Wednesday, Please bestow your special blessing on all of us assembled in this Chamber. We ask for your guidance in serving those who have elected us to the best of our ability. 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.