

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

# Journal of the Senate

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Twenty Second 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 36 Senators present and 0 Senator absent as follows:

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

**ABSENT – 0:**

## INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journals of the Twentieth and Twenty First Legislative Days of the 2018 proceedings are read in part.

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

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR**

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication from Her Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

February 22, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Council on the Arts:

**Katherine Blacklock**

For a term expiring March 1, 2021.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

February 22, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Council on the Arts:

**Lorraine A. Hynes**

For a term expiring March 1, 2020.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

February 22, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Council on the Arts:

**Kate Petrie**

For a term expiring March 1, 2021.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

February 22, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Council on the Arts:

**Loren M. Spears**

For a term expiring March 1, 2021.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Honorable President presents the following communications:



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

February 27, 2018

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

Dear Mr. President:

I would respectfully request that Senator Thomas J. Paolino be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Senate Finance Committee

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dennis Algieri  
SENATE MINORITY LEADER

Read and placed on file.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

**Senate Resolution No. 2418**

**BY** Coyne, Miller

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF LEGALIZING MARIJUANA (This resolution would extend the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study the effects of legalizing marijuana from March 1, 2018, to May 31, 2018, and said commission would expire on July 1, 2018.)  
{LC4647/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2441**

**BY** Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Joseph P. Baxter to join Bethany E. Marchetti and Thomas P. Gentile in marriage on or about October 7, 2018, within the town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)  
{LC4721/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2462**

**BY** Felag, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Catherine Ham to join Laura A. Montgomery and Thomas M. Malone in marriage on or about June 2, 2018, within the Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island.)  
{LC4516/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2468**

**BY** Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Audrey Boyle to join Kaitlynne Erin Ward and Gregory Alan Morris in marriage on or about August 31, 2018, within the town of Lincoln, Rhode Island.)  
{LC4472/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**House Bill No. 7065****BY** Ruggiero, Tanzi, McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dr. Victor Pedro and Ann Allen to join Mary G. Basler and Joseph J. Reale, Jr., in marriage on or about June 30, 2018, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)  
{LC3205/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**House Bill No. 7187****BY** Canario, Edwards

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Nancy E. Smith to join Margaret Smith Hickey and John Michael Lerner in marriage on or about August 25, 2018, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)  
{LC3409/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**House Bill No. 7188****BY** Ackerman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Rebecca M. Taylor to join Elizabeth Rose Thorsen and Lee Hunter Robinson in marriage on or about June 30, 2018, within the town of Cumberland, Rhode Island.)  
{LC3790/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**House Bill No. 7189****BY** Abney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Charles E. Alfano to join Caitlin Elizabeth Alfano and Vincent Nicholas Santaniello in Marriage on or about May 26, 2018, within the city of Newport, Rhode Island.)  
{LC3766/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**House Bill No. 7253****BY** Serpa

**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.)  
{LC3930/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.



**Senate Bill No. 2430****BY** Conley, Goldin, Euer, Lynch Prata, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits any questioning of a juvenile who is suspected of delinquent or criminal behavior, unless the parent or guardian of the juvenile is present, or unless an attorney is present or the juvenile and their parents have waived their presence.)  
{LC4626/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2494****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ALICE D. AUGUSTUS  
{LC4714/1}

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 Seveney, Metts, and Felag.

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 Raptakis 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 Metts announces that the Committee on Education will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

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

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon the suggestion of Senator DiPalma the Senate adjourns at 4:24 o'clock P.M, in memory of *Alice D. Augustus*.

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

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR THOMAS J. PAOLINO**

Open our minds, Lord, to the wisdom in others. Help us to work in a unified effort towards harmony and peace for all the people of our State. Amen.

## Appendix

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018:

1.     **2018-S 2418**  
      **BY** Coyne  
      **ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE  
      SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF  
      LEGALIZING MARIJUANA  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2.     **2018-S 2441**  
      **BY** Ruggerio  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3.     **2018-S 2462**  
      **BY** Felag  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4.     **2018-S 2468**  
      **BY** Raptakis  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
5.     **2018-H 7065**  
      **BY** Ruggiero  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
6.     **2018-H 7187**  
      **BY** Canario  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

7.     **2018-H 7188**  
       **BY** Ackerman  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

8.     **2018-H 7189**  
       **BY** Abney  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

9.     **2018-H 7253**  
       **BY** Serpa  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

**Appendix**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018:**

- 1. 2018-S 2430**  
**BY** Conley  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT  
CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.