

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Twenty Fourth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:09 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, 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 – 1: Senator DaPonte.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Pearson 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**

March 6, 2018

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today, Tuesday, March 6, 2018 because I am out of state on business.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Da Ponte
Senator, District 14

Read and placed on file.



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

March 5, 2018

Mr. Robert L. Ricci
Secretary of the Senate
State House, Room 145
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Ricci:

As prime sponsor, pursuant to Senate Rules, I respectfully request the withdrawal of the following bills:

- Senate Bill 2018-S2139 entitled, an act relating to Criminal Offenses – Weapons.
- Senate Bill 2018-S2143 entitled, an act relating to Criminal Offenses – Weapons.
- Senate Bill 2018-S2144 entitled, an act relating to Criminal Offenses – Weapons.

These bills have been assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee and no hearing is scheduled.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Archambault
Senator, District 22

Read and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2624****BY** Lombardo, Lombardi, Metts, Satchell, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FRED J. RUBIANO

{LC5158/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lombardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, McCaffrey, Felag, Nesselbush, Gallo, Metts.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2625**BY** Raptakis, Felag, Cote, Lynch Prata, Morgan**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE "FOUR CHAPLAINS", FOUR MEN OF GOD WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES DURING WORLD WAR II SO THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE

{LC4555/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Raptakis requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Raptakis moves passage, seconded by Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2018-S 2339

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE UPDATING, STREAMLINING AND ENSURING RELEVANCE OF RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS TITLE 16

Committee on Education recommends passage.

2. 2018-S 2352

BY Conley

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CREATION OF A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION SYSTEM IN RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Education recommends passage.

3. 2018-S 2621

BY Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING MR. FRANK MEGLIO ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

4. 2018-H 7360

BY Giarrusso

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF DONEGAN & ASSOCIATES, LTD.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Upon motion of Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, 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, 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.

NAYS – 0:

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.

Senator Conley moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Felag, Nesselbush, Metts, Gee, Lombardo, Archambault, Jabour, Goldin, Coyne, Calkin.

Senators Picard, Conley and Jabour discuss the bill.

The act is read and passed, 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, 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.

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 Morgan welcomes the 2nd Amendment Coalition to the senate chamber.

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 Cote announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

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

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

Senator Raptakis introduces to the Chamber Stephen E. Morrison, Jr., Senate Intern from North Providence and a Senior at Rhode Island College.

Senator McCaffrey congratulates Senator Goodwin on receiving the 2017 AARP Capital Caregivers Award.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardo the Senate adjourns at 4:25 o'clock P.M, in memory of *Fred J. Rubiano*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR RYAN WILLIAM PEARSON**

Dear Lord, as senators we have great responsibility to our constituents. Help us to emulate your example of patience, respect, and kindness to all, as we strive to solve the problems, and improve the lives, of those we serve. Amen.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6th

House Bill No. 7360

BY Giarrusso

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF DONEGAN & ASSOCIATES, LTD.

{LC4186/1}

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018:

- 1. 2018-S 2623**
BY Satchell
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF STELLA M. DEGREGORY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018:

- 1. 2018-S 2469**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -
EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Committee on Labor recommends passage.