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Thursday, March 8, 2018

Twenty Fifth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:28 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Gee, Sheehan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Lombardo and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal 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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

March 6, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-13-1.3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rabies Control Board:

Kevin A. Breene
(representing the Rhode Island Farm Bureau)

For a term expiring September 1, 2020.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

To the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

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March 6, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-13-1.3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rabies Control Board:

Christopher H. Hannafin, DVM
(representing the Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association)

For a term expiring September 1, 2020.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

To the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:



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

March 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, March 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.



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

March 8, 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 the Senate Session today, Thursday, March 8, 2018 due to illness.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

James C. Sheehan
Senator – District 36

Read and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2626****BY** Fogarty, Metts, Lombardi, Coyne, Morgan**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DEBORAH ELLEN BRADSHAW
{LC5140/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Fogarty requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Lombardo, Metts.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2627**BY** Nesselbush, Quezada, Crowley, Sosnowski, Euer**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2018, AS "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC5180/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Nesselbush requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by Senators Calkin, Coyne, Crowley, Euer, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Morgan, Quezada, Sosnowski, The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney.

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber, Tina Goncalves, the first, local female Police Chief in the State of Rhode Island, as the Pawtucket Police Chief, and friends Jose Moran, Mercedes Baldera, and Lucrecia Rios.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2628****BY** Satchell, Gallo, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE ERIN LYNCH PRATA ON BEING NAMED THE GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 59TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN WEST WARWICK
{LC4624/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Satchell requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Satchell moves passage, seconded by Senators The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Seveney, Sosnowski.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski.

NAYS – 0:

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

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Nesselbush, Fogarty, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Ciccone, Jarbour, Sosnowski, Pearson, Metts, Satchell, DiPalma.

The act is read and passed upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, 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 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 Room 211 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 the Senate Lounge of the State House.

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

Senator Goodwin announces that the Providence St. Patrick's Day Parade will begin this Saturday at 12:00 o'clock noon.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon the suggestion of Senator Fogarty the Senate adjourns at 4:49 o'clock P.M, in memory of *Deborah Ellen Bradshaw*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR FRANK LOMBARDO, III

Dear God, we are grateful for the privilege of serving in this Senate. Keep us ever mindful that we are here to serve those who have elected us. Amen.