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Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Twenty Sixth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:13 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, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 2: Senators DaPonte, Goldin.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestions of Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Conley, and Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber competitors of the RI ProStart High School Culinary and Foodservice Management Completion, hosted by the RI Hospitality Education Foundation. From the William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School: Victoria Carrion, Britney Fernandez, Alexia Guzman, Fabian Vargus, and Santos Nevles. From the East Providence Career and Technical Center: Sidney Robertson, Luana Rodrigues, Shelby Wilkerson, Nayele Viera, and William Walker. Also Heather Sinsleton from the RI Hospitality Assosiation, and Debra Sharp, Robyn Chapman, and Richard Muto, from BIARI.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:



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

March 14, 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, Wednesday, March 14, 2018, due to ill health.

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

Sincerely,

Da Ponte
Senator, District 14

Read and placed on file.



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

March 12, 2018

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

Dear Mr. President,

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today, Wednesday, March 14, 2018, as I am out of town due to a family obligation.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmest personal regards, I remain.

Sincerely,

Gayle L. Goldin
Senator – District 03

Read and placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairman Miller, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2402

BY Goldin, DiPalma, Satchell, Miller, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- LONG-TERM MANAGED CARE ARRANGEMENTS

{LC4225/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2548

BY Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO ASSESS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUES RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND CHOICE, COVERAGE AFFORDABILITY AND QUALITY, AND MARKET STABILITY

{LC4994/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2549

BY Sosnowski, Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE ADVISABILITY OF RHODE ISLAND JOINING THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT

{LC4993/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2630****BY** Nesselbush, Fogarty, Algiere, Lombardi, Felag**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 12TH THROUGH 18TH OF 2018 TO BE "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC5238/1}

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

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

Senate Resolution No. 2631**BY** Jabour, Sosnowski, Ruggerio, Algiere, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING ITS FIRST OUTRIGHT ATLANTIC 10 REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY, FOR MAKING IT TO THE FINALS OF THE ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT, AND FOR EARNING THE NUMBER 7 SEED IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT, THE HIGHEST SEED IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY

{LC5259/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Jabour requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

Senate Resolution No. 2629**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH AS "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC5222/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration, for Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

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 Crowley announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

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

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 Lombardo 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 today at the rise of the Senate in the Lounge of the State House.

Senator DiPalma announces that the 62nd St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 17th in Newport at 11:00am and is dedicated to the Memory of former Secretary of the Senate Joseph Richard Brady.

Senator DiPalma announces that the Rhode Island Science Fair will be held at the Community College of Rhode Island on Sunday March 18 at 12:00 o'clock P.M.

Senator DiPalma announces that today is International PI Day (3.14159265359. . .) and that the inventor of PI Day was William Jones.

Senator Goodwin announces that the Financial Planning Association will meet tomorrow from 3:00-6:00 o'clock P.M. in the State Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:37 o'clock P.M.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR JAMES A. SEVENEY**

Open our hearts Lord, not only to the needs of those we serve, but also to one another in this Chamber so as a community of leaders we can be led to wise and courageous actions that benefit Rhode Island. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018:

1. 2018-S 2548

BY Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO ASSESS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUES RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND CHOICE, COVERAGE AFFORDABILITY AND QUALITY, AND MARKET STABILITY

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

2. 2018-S 2549

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE ADVISABILITY OF RHODE ISLAND JOINING THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018:

- 1. 2018-S 2402**
BY Goldin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- LONG-TERM
MANAGED CARE ARRANGEMENTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.