

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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# Journal of the Senate

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Twenty Seventh Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:19 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 Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, 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 – 1:** Senator Ciccone.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Monsignor Albert Kenney, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Marie O'Loughlin Jenkins, to deliver the National Anthem to the Senate.

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Coyne 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 15, 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 illness.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel Da Ponte  
Senator, District 14

Read and placed on file.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Chairman Fogarty, In accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Labor to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2472**

**BY** DiPalma, Conley, Algieri, Euer, Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - JOBS DEVELOPMENT ACT

(Sunset/discontinue the Jobs Development Act rate reduction as of July 1, 2018.)

{LC4529/1}

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2591**

**BY** Felag, Coyne, Seveney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Rachel Anne Hampton to join Jacqueline Alexis John and Charles Patrick McCabe, IV, in marriage on or about July 28, 2018, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC5060/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2566**

**BY** Jabour, DaPonte

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Patrick James Quinlan to join Teri Lynn Stifano and Jonathyn Albert Arioste Pirolli in marriage on or about July 7, 2018, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC4895/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2439 SUB A**

**BY** Ciccone, Ruggerio, Paolino, Nesselbush, Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE (Increases the amount of purchases the North Providence's purchasing agent may purchase an item, without bid, from \$1,500 to \$2,500.)

{LC4070/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2302****BY** Lynch Prata, Gallo, Pearson, Lombardi, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER (Creates joint committee to compile suggestions for repeal of statutes, regulations, and executive orders.)  
{LC4088/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2153****BY** Crowley, Sosnowski, Lombardi, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Raises the juror's fees for each day's attendance on the superior court to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day commencing July 1, 2019, and increase to thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per day commencing July 1, 2020 and thereafter.)  
{LC3769/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

Chairman Ciccone, from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

**Senate Bill No. 2556**

(I-195 Redevelopment District Commission)

**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE I-195 REDEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2011 (Allows the I-195 Redevelopment commission to make certain alterations to the boundaries of a portion of the I-195 redevelopment called "Parcel P4".)  
{LC5006/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2635****BY** Felag, Metts, Lombardi, DiPalma, Satchell**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE TIVERTON GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE RHODE ISLAND GIRLS BASKETBALL DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP  
{LC5224/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Felag requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lombardi, Crowley, Nesselbush, Fogarty, Metts, Gee, Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma.

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

### GUESTS

Upon the suggestions of Senators Felag, Seveney, and DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber The Tiverton High School Tigers Girls Basketball Team, winners of the 2018 RIIL Girls Basketball Division III Championship. Head Coach Jonette Lopes, Assistant Coach Cara Faria, Mikayla Andrews, Aja Caldwell, Marisa Cater, Jillian DaSilva, Mercedes Lopes, Rachel Pare, Sydney Pelletier, Mariah Ramos, Halen DellaVecchia-Ronan, Jaimi Vaillancourt.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Senate Resolution No. 2636**

**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri, Felag

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR MAKING THE FINALS OF THE BIG EAST BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AND FOR EARNING A BID IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT FOR THE FIFTH STRAIGHT YEAR, THE MOST IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY  
{LC5258/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Jabour, Metts, Goodwin, Satchell, Felag, DiPalma.

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

Senators Lombardi, McCaffrey, and Goodwin speak on the resolution.

**Senate Resolution No. 2633****BY** DiPalma, Ruggerio, Algiere, Paolino, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

{LC5239/1}

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 The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, 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. 2634****BY** Coyne, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Conley, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY

{LC5240/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Coyne requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Coyne moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, 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. 2637****BY** Lombardo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FREDERICK PISCOPIELLO

{LC5260/1}

Introduced and moved to the Consent Calendar for Tuesday March, 20, 2018.

**Senate Bill No. 2638****BY** Goodwin, Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EQUAL PAY DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING (Requires an employer of 100 or more employees to annually report information regarding the compensation and hours worked of employees by gender, race, ethnicity, and job category to the department of labor and training.)  
{LC5095/1}

Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2639****BY** Gallo, McCaffrey, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires that school district safety assessments be provided to the Rhode Island school safety committee every three (3) years for review and recommendations.)  
{LC5162/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

**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.

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

**YEAS – 31:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, 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.



**Appendix**

**St. Patrick's Day & St. Joseph's Day Heritage Celebration**

*Words of Welcome*

**Dominick J. Ruggerio**  
*President of the Senate*

*Irish Co-Chair Address*

**The Honorable Cynthia A. Coyne**  
*Senator*

*Irish Heritage Address*

**Chief Thomas F. Oates, III**  
*Woonsocket Police Department*

*Irish Musical Selections*

**Marie O'Loughlin Jenkins**  
*Senate Administrative Assistant*

*Italian Co-Chair Address*

**The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma**  
*Senator*

*Italian Heritage Address*

**The Honorable Michael B. Forte**  
*Chief Justice for the Rhode Island  
Family Court*

*Italian Musical Selections*

**Vincent D'Adamo**  
*Senate Doorman*

*Benediction*

**Father Robert L. Marciano**  
*Saint Kevin's Church, Warwick*

**RECESS**

Upon motion of Senator DiPalma, seconded by Senator Goodwin, the Senate adjourns at 5:32 o'clock P.M.

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:17 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday, March 20th.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018:

1.     **2018-S 2637**  
      **BY** Lombardo  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON  
      THE PASSING OF FREDERICK PISCOPIELLO

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2.     **2018-S 2591**  
      **BY** Felag  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3.     **2018-S 2566**  
      **BY** Jabour  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary 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.

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018:**

- 1. 2018-S 2556**  
**BY** Ruggerio  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -  
THE I-195 REDEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2011

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

- 2. 2018-S 2153**  
**BY** Crowley  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--  
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 3. 2018-S 2302**  
**BY** Lynch Prata  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT  
COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 4. 2018-S 2439 SUB A**  
**BY** Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.