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Twenty Ninth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:21 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 32 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Algiere, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Coyne, Crowley, Felag, Raptakis.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Euer, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Neyda DeJesus, Co-Coordinator of the Newport Health Equity Zone.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Metts, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Deborah L. Wray, Community Advocate for DARE.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardo, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Dan Bellavino.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:



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

March 22, 2018

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to personal reasons, I will be absent from the chamber on Thursday, March 22, 2018.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley
Senate District 16

Read and placed on file.



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

March 22, 2018

The Honorable Dominick 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 on Thursday, March 22, 2018 for a professional obligation which requires me to be out of state.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cynthia A. Coyne
Senator, District 32

Read and placed on file.



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

March 22, 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 Senate Session today, Thursday, March 22nd as I will be out of state on business.

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

Sincerely,

Leonidas P. Raptakis
Senator – District 33

Read and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2742****BY** Calkin, DiPalma, Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF STEPHEN WILLIAM HAWKING AND HONORING HIS LEGACY OF SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE

{LC5271/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Calkin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Calkin moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Gee, Archambault, McCaffrey, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Nesselbush, Fogarty, Picard, Metts.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2743**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Cote, Metts, Algieri**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JANET A. TASSONI

{LC5254/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Archambault requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Archambault moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Algieri, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, 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.

CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 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.

Senator Ciccone Moves Passage Seconded by Senators Algieri, DaPonte, Archambault, Gee, Seveney, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Fogarty, Nesselbush, Pearson.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Algieri, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.**NAYS – 0:****2. 2018-S 2153****BY** Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Lynch Prata Moves Passage Seconded by Senators Lombardi, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Archambault, Conley, Metts.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Algieri, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.**NAYS – 0:**

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Lynch Prata Moves Passage Seconded by Senators Cnley, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Ciccone, Algieri, Archambault, Gee, Paolino, Seveney, DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Algieri, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.**NAYS – 0:****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.

Senator Ciccone Moves Passage Seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Gallo, Archambault, Algieri, Gee, Lombardi, Quezada.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Algieri, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.**NAYS – 0:**

5. 2018-S 2346
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski Moves Passage Seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Conley, Gallo, Miller, Jabour, Goodwin, Satchell, Gee, Lombardo, Sheehan, Euer, Calkin.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Algiere, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, 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 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 Room 212 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 Lounge of the State House.

Senator DiPalma announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator McCaffrey congratulates John M. Roney on receiving an Award from Leadership Rhode Island.

Senator McCaffrey wishes Senator Goldin a Happy Birthday from yesterday March, 21, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon the suggestion of Senator Archambault the Senate adjourns at 4:44 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Janet A. Tassoni.*

ROBERT L. RICCI, ESQ.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**SENATOR JAMES C. SHEEHAN**

Dear Lord, We thank you for giving us the opportunity and privilege of being the voice of our constituents in their government. Help us to make the right and just choices in our decisions to improve the lives of all our citizens. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018:

- 1. 2018-S 2741**
BY DaPonte
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF EASTLAND BUILDERS, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Robert L. Ricci Esq.
Secretary of the Senate