

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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# Journal of the Senate

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**JANUARY SESSION** of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the second day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.

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Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Thirty Eighth 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 4:25 o'clock P.M.

## **ROLL CALL**

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT – 35:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Cano, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski.

**ABSENT – 2:** Senators Metts and Sheehan.

## **INVOCATION**

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Father Kapriel Nazarian of Sts. Vartanantz Church in Providence to deliver the invocation.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Thirty Seventh Legislative Day of the 2018 proceedings is read in part.

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senators Jabour, Ciccone, and Goodwin and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber, the Mt. Pleasant High School Division 1 State Basketball Champions: Head Coach Charles Holliday, and Assistant Coach Tom Connor Terrell, and Players Drequan Gibson, Charles Martinez, Manual Roman, Aaron Gomes, Naszell Pona, Darren Robinson, Denzal Clarke, Hassan Gaye, Chayne Trotman, Josiah Diaz, Demetrius Demiranda, Adonis Acevedo, and Jaymes Stone.

Upon the suggestion of Senators Lynch Prata, and Senate Majority Leader McCaffrey and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber, Chief Judge Haiganush R. Bedrosian.

Upon the suggestion of Senators Goodwin and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber, Ani Haroian.

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR**

Her Excellency, the Governor, transmits the following appointments and request the advice and consent of the Senate:



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

April 16, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-28.3-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review:

**Mark J. Blackburn, PE**

Vice-Chair

For a term expiring March 1, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



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**Rodger Booth**

(Fire Protection Industry Representative)

For a term expiring March 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



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I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-28.3-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review:

**Dana M. Newbrook, AIA**  
Chairman

For a term expiring March 1, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



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April 16, 2018

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I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-28.3-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review:

**Stuart D. Pearson**

For a term expiring March 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



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April 16, 2018

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I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-28.3-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review:

**Frank M. Sylvester**

For a term expiring March 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



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April 16, 2018

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I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-28.3-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review:

**Carol O'Donnell**

VICE  
Henry Richard, Jr.

For a term expiring March 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



## COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:



April 24, 2018

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Harold M. Metts  
Senator District #6

Read and placed on file.



April 24, 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, Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Sheehan", is written below the word "Sincerely,".

James C. Sheehan  
Senator – District 36

Read and placed on file.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2826****BY** Gallo, Jabour, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2018, AS "ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923, AND IN HONOR OF ARMENIAN-AMERICANS  
{LC5420/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senators Gallo, Raptakis, and Lombardo and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber, Father Kapriel Nazarian of Sts. Vartanantz Church, Ani Haroian, Hagop Donoyan, Jasim Martisian, Malcolm Varadian, Aram Garabedian, Michele Kazarian, Ara Nal Ban Dian, Mr. & Mrs. Hagop, Judge Haiganush Bedrosian, Ara Getzeyan, Pauline Getzoyan, and Colonel David Tikoian, North Providence Police Chief.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2827****BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING "HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY" ON APRIL 12, 2018, AND RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL'S ESTABLISHMENT  
{LC5501/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goldin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goldin moves passage, seconded by Senators, Miller, Algieri, Archambault, Cano, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski. The resolution is read and passed, upon a rising vote.

### GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senators Goldin and Miller and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber, Rabbi Sarah Mack of Temple Beth-El, Rabbi Jeff Goldwasser of Temple Sinai, Marty Cooper, Lawrence Katz Director of Jewish Life and Learning, Michelle Cicchitelli VP of Programming of the Jewish Alliance, and Tobil Reichman the Israel Emissary to the Jewish Alliance.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber, Pauline Getzoyan and Ara Getzoyan, members of the Armenian Community.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018:

- 1. The Reappointment of Katherine Blacklock to the Rhode Island Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2021.**

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 2. The Reappointment of Lorraine A. Hynes to the Rhode Island Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2020.**

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 3. The Reappointment of Kate Petrie to the Rhode Island Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2021.**

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 4. The Reappointment of Loren M. Spears to the Rhode Island Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2021.**

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

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

**YEAS – 35:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Cano, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski.

**NAYS –0:**

### CALENDAR

#### IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018:

**1. 2018-S 2579**

**BY** Algiere

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -  
RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC RAIL CORPORATION ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Algiere moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Gee, Morgan, Archambault, Paolino, Lombardo, Lombardi, Fogarty, and Conley.

The act is read and passed by unanimous consent upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 35:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Cano, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, 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 Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

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

Senator Coyne announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 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 Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 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 Raptakis announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Crowley announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in the Lounge of the State House.

Senator McCaffrey wishes belated birthdays to Senators Miller, DiPalma, and Quezada.

Senator Goodwin announces that Annual Sunscreen Day, will be held tomorrow between 2:00-5:00 o'clock P.M.

**BENEDICTION**

Rabbi Sarah Mack from Temple Beth El delivers the Benediction.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator McCaffrey, the Senate adjourns at 5:08 o'clock P.M.

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

**Appendix**  
**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018:**

- 1. 2018-S 2353**  
**BY** Goodwin  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND  
NEGLECTED CHILDREN -- DUTY TO REPORT

Committee on Education recommends passage.
- 2. 2018-S 2639 SUB A**  
**BY** Gallo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF  
PUPILS

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and  
passage of Substitute A.
- 3. 2018-S 2474 SUB A**  
**BY** Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
PAYMENT OF WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and  
passage of Substitute A.
- 4. 2018-S 2258**  
**BY** Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
- 5. 2018-S 2259**  
**BY** Euer  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
STATE EMBLEMS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
- 6. 2018-S 2763 SUB A**  
**BY** Picard  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -  
COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite  
postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.