

**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 First day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Nineteen.**

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Forth Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:24 o'clock P.M.

## **ROLL CALL**

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senator absent as follows:

**PRESENT** –36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

**ABSENT** – 2: Senator Pearson, Sheehan.

## **INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

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

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

## **APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Third Legislative Day of the 2019 proceedings is read in part.

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Art teacher from Cranston, Paul Carpenter.

**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

January 9, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as Director of the Department of Administration:

**Michael DiBiase**  
**Director**

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

Sincerely,

  
Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Finance.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
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January 9, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as Director of the Department of Revenue:

**Mark Furcolo**  
**Director**

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina Raimondo", is written over the printed name.

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Finance.



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GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 9, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as Director of the Department of Environmental Management:

**Janet Coit**  
**Director**

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



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GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 9, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as Director of the Department of Labor and Training:

**Scott Jensen**  
Director

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Labor.



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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 9, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as Director of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals:

**Rebecca Boss**  
Director

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 9, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as Director of the Department of Human Services:

**Courtney Hawkins**  
**Director**

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina Raimondo".

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 9, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as Director of the Department of Children Youth and Families:

**Trista Piccola, PhD, LISW-S**  
**Director**

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina Raimondo", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.





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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 9, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as Director of the Department of Transportation:

**Peter Alviti**  
Director

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 9, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Director of the Department of Corrections:

**Patricia Coyne-Fague, Esq.**  
**Director**

VICE  
A.T. Wall

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



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

January 9, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Director of the Department of Public Safety:

**James Manni**  
**Director**

VICE  
Colonel Ann Assumpico

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

COMMUNICATIONS



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

January 9, 2019

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, Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

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".

James C. Sheehan  
Senator – District 36

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 8****BY** Coyne, Lombardi, Archambault, Nesselbush, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS (Allows the town of Barrington to combine five (5) voting districts into one for a special election to be held on February 5, 2019.)

{LC189/1}

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 Senators, Lynch Prata, Felag, Archambault, Cano, and Lombardi.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS** –36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.**NAYS** – 0:**Senate Bill No. 9****BY** Coyne, Seveney, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS (Allows the board of canvassers of the town of Bristol to combine two (2) or more voting districts for the representative district 68 special election in March, 2019.)

{LC339/1}

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 Senators, Lynch Prata, Lombardo, and Felag.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS** –36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

**NAYS** – 0:

**Senate Resolution No. 10**

**BY** Algieri, Ruggiero, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BERNARD L. EATON, JR.

{LC308/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Algieri requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Algieri moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

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

**Senate Resolution No. 11**

**BY** Ruggiero, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ALFRED CARPIONATO

{LC526/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 12**

**BY** McCaffrey, Ruggiero, Goodwin, Algieri, Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE MOST REVEREND, BISHOP ROBERT E. MULVEE

{LC525/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**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, and to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at 5:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Goodwin announces that Ethics training will be held at the rise of the Senate today in the Lounge of the Senate.

Senator Goodwin announces that no session will be held tomorrow January 10, 2019.

Senator Goodwin announces session will be held next Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 5:00 o'clock P.M. and the Governor's State Address will be held at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on January 15, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senator Algieri seconded by Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:39 o'clock P.M., in the memory of Bernard L. Eaton, Jr.

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

**Appendix****INVOCATION****SENATOR SANDRA CANO**

Loving Heavenly Father we come to you this hour asking for your blessing and help as we are gathered together. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Give us the desire to find ways to excel in our work. Help us to work together and encourage each other to excellence. We ask that we would challenge each other to reach higher and farther; to be the best we can be. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019:

1. **2019-S 11**  
BY Ruggiero  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES  
ON THE PASSING OF ALFRED CARPIONATO

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2019-S 12**  
BY McCaffrey  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE  
PASSING OF THE MOST REVEREND, BISHOP ROBERT E. MULVEE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

**Robert L. Ricci**  
Secretary of the Senate