

# 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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Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Seventh 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 4:02 o'clock P.M.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

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

**ABSENT** – 2: Senators Crowley, Murray.

## **INVOCATION**

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Coyne, 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.

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Conley and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber the Mayor of Johnston, Joseph M. Polisena.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardo and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber the Mayor of Johnston, Joseph M. Polisena.

Upon the suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber his new Intern from Westerly, Timothy McLaughlin.

COMMUNICATIONS



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

January 22, 2019

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 illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, January 22, 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 that reads "Elizabeth A. Crowley". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley  
Senate District 16

Received and ordered to be placed on file.



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STATE HOUSE**

January 22, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

Melissa A. Murray  
Senator – District 24

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 99****BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lawson, Conley**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE SENATOR MICHAEL J. DAMIANI  
{LC314/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Conley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Conley and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber the Friends and Family of Senator Damiani, Wife Sharlene Damiani, Son Michael Damiani, Jr., Daughters Christine and Jennifer Damiani, and Jennifer's Son Joey, close family friend and Senate staff member Debi Cook, close family friend Steven Smith and Johnston Mayor, Joe Polisena.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 100****BY** Morgan, de la Cruz, Goodwin, Coyne, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2019 AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC594/1}

Moved to be heard for immediate consideration on Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

**Senate Resolution No. 101****BY** Metts**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE HERBERT F. SPENCER FOR HIS DECADES OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC727/1}

Moved on the Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-S 34**  
**BY** Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE  
PASSING OF JOHN THOMAS LEYDEN

Ordered on the Consent Calendar

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

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Nesselbush announces that the Women's Caucus will be held Thursday, January 24, 2019, at the rise of the Senate in the Library.

Senator Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will be held today, at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will be held today, at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will be held Thursday, January 24, 2019, at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon the suggestion of Senator Conley the Senate adjourns at 4:24 o'clock P.M, in memory of The Honorable Senator Michael J. Damiani.

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

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR CYNTHIA ARMOUR COYNE**

Dear God, please grant us the wisdom to be aware of the vital needs of the people we are here to serve. Please grant us the courage to meet those needs to the fullest extent of our ability. Amen.



Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019:

1. **2019-S 101**  
**BY** Metts  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE HERBERT F.  
SPENCER FOR HIS DECADES OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE  
OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.