

# 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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Eighth 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 4:17 o'clock P.M.

## **ROLL CALL**

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT** –38: 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, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Valverde.

**ABSENT** – 0:

## **INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

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

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

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

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman Conley, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

**Senate Bill No. 65**

**BY** Conley, Euer, Algieri, Lombardo, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables city/town council to grant tax relief from payment of real estate/property tax during periods of federal/state government cessation of operations to state/federal employees.)

{LC725/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar for January 29, 2019.

**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}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Morgan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Morgan moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Coyne, Sheehan, Lombardo, Lombardi, Felag, Raptakis, Metts, and Cano.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 102****BY** Quezada, Cano, Metts, Goodwin, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF LAURA RODRÍGUEZ

{LC701/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Quezada requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Quezada moves passage, seconded by Senators, Metts, Bell, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Lombardi, Goodwin, McKenney, Goldin, Algieri,

Senators Quezada, Cano, and Goodwin speaks on the resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Quezada and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Wendy Agvasvivas, Francia Cruz, Ivan Monzun, and Melanie Chalas.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 103****BY** Metts, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

{LC973/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Metts 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, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Valverde.

Senator Metts speaks on the resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

**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.

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** –38: 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, 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.

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Satchell and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Senator Satchell's new Intern Peter Calise of West Warwick.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Quezada, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:44 o'clock P.M, in memory of Laura Rodriguez.

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

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR HAROLD M. METTS**

I'll be praying in my faith's tradition, and welcome you to pray in yours. Please bow your heads.

Lord, Even in today's toxic environment help us to be motivated by your love.

Help us to remember that:

“Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Three things will last forever-faith, hope, and love-and the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13: 4-7, 13, NLT)

Lord, help us to love you, to love our neighbor as we love ourselves; and to even love our enemies.

This we pray in Jesus name.

Amen.

**Appendix**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019:**

**1. 2019-S 65**

**BY** Conley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.