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Journal of the Senate

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Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Eleventh Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT –37: 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, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Satchell.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator McCaffrey and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Warwick Councilman Steven Colantuano.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardo and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Family Court Judge Mike Forte.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication:



January 30, 2019

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to personal reasons, I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, 30, 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 "Adam J. Satchell".

Senator Adam J. Satchell
Senate District 09

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairwoman Lynch Prata, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 79

BY Seveney, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Lucille Mary King to join Sara Elizabeth Rodgers and Benjamin Patrick King in marriage on or about June 15, 2019, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)
{LC717/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Senate Bill No. 88

BY Lynch Prata, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dina Spaziano to join Elizabeth Rose Colagiovanni and Michael Augustine D'Amore in marriage on or about July 26, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC163/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Senate Bill No. 75

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Daniel R. Baker to join Christy Caroline Baker and Amber Lynn Stewart in marriage on or about August 25, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC682/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

Senate Bill No. 87

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dina Spaziano to join Lauren Ann Garrity and Richard James Duquette in marriage on or about October 26, 2019, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)
{LC96/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 183****BY** McCaffrey, Metts, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Archambault**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MICHELLE JOHNSON, A THIRD-GRADE TEACHER AT THE MARY E. FOGARTY SCHOOL IN PROVIDENCE, ON WINNING THE 2018 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD

{LC636/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator McCaffrey and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Michelle Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Brian Johnson, and Courtney Monterey.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 184****BY** Crowley, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Metts, Archambault**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE CENTRAL FALLS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2018 RHODE ISLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

{LC595/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley 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, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Crowley and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber all members of the Central Falls High School Football Team: Jordan Alvarado, Dutchie Arroyo, Jason DePina, Luis Gonzalez, Leonardo Da Veiga, Erickson DaVeiga, Tyreese Gomes, Darryl Fleurantin, Nikolas Gibbons, Hericson Guelen, Eliud Vega Bonilla, Tyrique DaSilva, Stephawn Lockley, Erik Rivera, Omar Soto, Geremy Hernandez, Kenneth Carpenter, Danzel Diaz, Warren Smith, Jonathan Acosta, Justin Cruz, William Gonzalez, Cristian Valdez, Axel Valdez, Levar Mathis, Calvin Romero, Jovan Masse, Jalan Ruiz, Lionel Bridgett, Jaquell Christal, Head Coach, Jeff Lapierre, Assistant Coaches, Anthony Ficocelli Noel Grant, Luis Melendez, Volunteer Coach, Brandon Canuto, Volunteer Coach, Athletic Trainers, Kelly Teixeira, Tanya Quaresma, Equipment Manager, Adam Craige, Principal, Robert McCarthy, Athletic Director, Anthony Ficocelli.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 185

BY Ruggerio, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Lombardi, McKenney

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ALBERT JOSEPH LEPORE, JR., ESQ.

{LC1020/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lynch Prata requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lynch Prata 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019:

1. The Appointment of Richard A. Merola, Esq. VICE Associate Justice John A. Mutter as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court

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

Senator Lynch Prata moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Algiere, Archambault, 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, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

Senators Archambault, Bell, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, Metts discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, on a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative, and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, 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, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 1: Senator Bell.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lynch Prata and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Ricard Merola.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Archambault and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Cheryl Merola, Brenton Reilly, Gina Merola, Christine St. Hilaine, and Mark St. Hilaine.

2. The Appointment of Keith Cardoza, Jr., Esq. VICE Associate Judge Debra L. Olsson as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court

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

Senator Lynch Prata moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Bell, Felag, Miller, Gallo, Crowley, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Sheehan, Seveney, Lawson, Metts, Raptakis, Murray, Euer.

Senators Metts, and Lombardi discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative, and 1 member recusing 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, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

RECUSE – 1: Senator McKenney.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lynch Prata and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Keith Cardoza.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Metts and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Jonelie Cardoza, Laverne Hall, Keith Cardoza Sr., and Rafael Blanco.

3. The Appointment of Susan Pepin Fay, Esq. VICE Associate Judge Hugo L. Ricci, Jr. as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court

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

Senator Lynch Prata moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Algieri, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Crowley, Lombardo, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Quezada, Picard, Metts, Cano, Bell, Valverde, DiPalma, Goldin, Murray, Raptakis.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:
Senators McCaffrey, and McKenney discuss the appointment.

YEAS –37: 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, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lynch Prata and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Susan Pepin Fay.

Upon the suggestion of Senator McCaffrey and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Susan Pepin Fay.

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 Felag and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Rick Baccus of the RI Veteran's Home, Jial Bessel of the RI Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, and Kasian Yarn the RI Director of Veteran's Affairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will be held tomorrow at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Raptakis announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Cano announces that the Committee on Labor 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 tomorrow at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Lynch Prata, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 5:48 o'clock P.M, in memory of the Albert Joseph Lepore, Jr.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR FRANK LOMBARDO III

Dear Lord, We pray that you bless this Senate. Help us to work with a real commitment to resolving the problems that face our State. Remind us to always treat each other with dignity and respect. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019:

1. **2019-S 79**
BY Seveney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2019-S 88**
BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019:

1. **2019-S 75**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2019-S 87**
BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.