

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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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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Fourteenth 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 4:12 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, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

**ABSENT – 2:** Senators Crowley and Morgan.

**INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lawson and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Intern Magdalena Greene.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lynch Prata and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Judge Lanphear and Judge Rodgers of the Superior Court.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Algieri and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Judge Lanphear and Judge Rodgers of the Superior Court.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:



February 6, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to personal business, I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, February 6, 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".

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley  
Senate District 16

Read and ordered to be placed on file.



February 6, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, due to a family illness. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine J. Morgan  
SNEATE MINORITY WHIP

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 246****BY** Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Sheehan, Euer, Algieri**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT FOR ALL RHODE ISLAND FISHERS AND THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY

{LC1074/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by 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, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 247****BY** Lombardi, Gallo, Miller, Lombardo, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CAROL BOSCIA

{LC1117/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lombardi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, McCaffrey, Gallo, Goodwin, and Bell.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019:**

1. *The Appointment of Melissa E. Darigan, Esq. VICE Associate Justice Walter R. Stone as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior 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, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

Senators Goodwin, Lombardi, Archambault, Algieri, McKenney, Nesselbush, Metts, and Bell discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS –35:** 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, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, 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 Melissa E. Darigan, Esq.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Mark A. Male, the Honorable Francis J. Darigan, Kathleen Darigan, Michael Darigan, Christopher Darigan, and the Honorable Kristen E. Rogers.

**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 Lombardi announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance 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 tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in the Lounge of the State House.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardi the Senate adjourns at 4:46 o'clock P.M, in memory of Carol Boscia.

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

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR THOMAS J. PAOLINO**

Dear Lord, We thank you for giving us the opportunity and privilege of being the voice of our constituents in their government. Help us to make the right and just choices in our decisions to improve the lives of all our citizens. Amen.