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Thursday, February 28, 2019

Seventeenth Legislative Day

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

ABSENT – 2: Senators Morgan, Raptakis.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Tracey Manni.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardo and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Joe Ballavino.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Morgan and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber the Second Amendment supporters in the gallery.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:



February 28, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate Session today, Thursday, February 28, as I am out of state on business.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Leonidas P. Raptakis
Senator – District 33

Read and ordered to be placed on file.



February 25, 2019

Mr. Robert L. Ricci
Secretary of the Senate
220 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Secretary Ricci:

I am writing to you pursuant to Rule 6.5 to request a hearing on all of my bills. I am happy to work with committee chairs to arrange a convenient hearing time beyond the eight legislative day timeline. I believe in encouraging convenient and optimal scheduling, and I do not wish the committee chairs to incur any inconvenience on my behalf because of the eight day limit.

These bills include Senate bills 255, 273, 289, 290, 296, 312, 317, 326, 366, and 378, as well as all future bills I may introduce this session.

Sincerely,

Samuel W. Bell
Senator - District 5

Received by Secretary of the Senate, Robert L. Ricci at 4:30 o'clock P.M.
Read and ordered to be placed on file.



February 27, 2019

Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero
President of the Senate
82 Smith Street, Rm. 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggiero:

Out of an abundance of caution, yesterday I made an effort to comply with Senate Rule 6.5 to request a hearing on all of my bills. However, after my letter was drafted, more bills came up to the Chamber from Legislative Counsel. Accordingly, those bills don't have bill numbers yet and could not be included in yesterday's letter.

As I said yesterday, I come in peace simply to request a hearing on each of the bills I introduce this year, whether or not they have bill numbers yet.

Thank you so much for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,

Donna M. Nesselbush

Received by Secretary of the Senate, Robert L. Ricci at 4:31 o'clock P.M.
Read and ordered to be placed on file.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

House Bill No. 5359

BY Newberry, Hull, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Doreen M. Costa to join Tonya McCarthy and David Tacey in marriage on or about September 9, 2019, within the Town of West Kingston, Rhode Island.)

{LC1171/1}

From the House of Representative to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5295

BY Ucci, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Janine Hesford to join Sabra M. Lepore and Ralph E. Orlandi in marriage on or about May 4, 2019, within the Town of Lincoln, Rhode Island.)

{LC1263/1}

From the House of Representative to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5336

BY Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Emily Bruce to join Phoebe B. Hall and Peter J. Nassoit in marriage on or about June 29, 2019, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC1348/1}

From the House of Representative to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5237

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Doreen Costa to join Janet Heffernan and Paul Anderson in marriage on or about June 22, 2019, within the City of Cranston, Rhode Island.)

{LC1065/1}

From the House of Representative to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5013**BY** Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Andrew Gavin to join Alison Gavin and Joey Ho in marriage on or about May 4, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC176/1}

From the House of Representative to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5014**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kevin Daniel McKeegan to join Amanda Curry and Adam Polansky in marriage on or about June 15, 2019, within the Town of Portsmouth, Rhode Island.)

{LC177/1}

From the House of Representative to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5128**BY** Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Alan Leslie Rosenfield, Esq., to join Marla Gail Waters and Gregory Louis Mercuri in marriage on or about May 11, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC545/1}

From the House of Representative to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5089**BY** McEntee, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Edward Duclos to join Christine Mae Gannon and Frederick Joseph Prescott, Jr., in marriage on or about April 27, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC528/1}

From the House of Representative to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5239**BY** Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Michael J. Mulcahy, II, to join Kellyann M. Mulcahy and Stephen A. Fitch in marriage on or about August 24, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC992/1}

From the House of Representative to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5277**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Christopher R. Blazejewski to join Lauren Joy Auffrey and Christopher Pedro Aoyama in marriage on or about May 5, 2019, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC1195/1}

From the House of Representative to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5140**BY** Ucci, Costantino, Fellela, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Steven F. Smith to join Gia F. Guglielmetti and Christopher B. Maselli in marriage on or about October 19, 2019, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC663/1}

From the House of Representative to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

The Reappointment of Mark Furcolo as Director of the Department of Revenue.

From the Senate Committee on Finance to the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Chairman Felag, from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Resolution No. 97**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Seveney, Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY VETERAN AND MILITARY SPOUSE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (Would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the Special Legislative Commission to Study Veteran and Military Spouse Education & Employment Opportunities from April 30, 2020, and its expiration date to July 30, 2020.)

{LC621/1}

From the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 38

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Exempts property located at 122 North Main Street in the city of Woonsocket from the provision requiring it to be located a certain distance from objectors/schools/churches regarding the issuance of retail liquor licenses.)

{LC739/1}

From the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 380

BY Gallo, Conley, Goodwin, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES (Adds prepackaged cheeses to the items allowed for sale at Class A license holders premises in towns or cities of ten thousand (10,000) or more inhabitants.)

{LC1397/1}

From the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs to the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

Chairwoman Sosnowski, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

The reappointment of Janet Coit as Director of the Department of Environmental Management.

From the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture to the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 519

BY Quezada, Metts, Cano, Ruggerio, Lombardi

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING ANGEL JIMENEZ OF PROVIDENCE FOR HIS ALERTNESS IN NOTICING THERE WAS A FIRE TAKING PLACE AT HASBRO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND IMMEDIATELY NOTIFYING HIS MOTHER

{LC1243/1}

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, 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, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Quezada and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Francisca Jimenez, and Angel Jimenez.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 520

BY Satchell, Euer, Cano, Ruggerio, Felag

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE "HEZ ADVOCACY DAY"
ON FEBRUARY 28, 2019

{LC1473/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Satchell requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Satchell 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, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Satchell and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber from the West Warwick HEZ, Kriste Handfield, Tamara Burman, Cathy Schultz, Olivia Ducharm. Keith Remillard, and from the Woonsocket HEZ, Christa Thomas-Sowers.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 521****BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF LUCIA NORMA RICCI-CURCIO

{LC1538/1}

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, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

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 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019:

1. **2019-S 226**
 BY Goldin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2019-S 228**
 BY Algieri
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2019-S 227**
 BY Algieri
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. **2019-S 336**
BY Goldin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

5. **2019-S 340**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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 –34: 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, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

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In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019:

1. ***The Reappointment of Scott Jensen as Director of the Department of Labor and Training***

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

Senator Ciccone moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Cano, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

Senator DiPalma discusses 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, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Ciccone and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Director Scott R. Jensen.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lynch Prata and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Ella Zeyl, Sara Liveahi, and Lauren Black.

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2. *The Appointment of James Manni VICE Colonel Ann Assumpico as Director of the Department of Public Safety*

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, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

Senators Coyne, Archambault, and Metts 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, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, 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 Director James M. Manni.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Tracey Manni.

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 Crowley announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Nesselbush announces that International Women's Day will meet next Thursday at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in the Library of the State House.

Senator Nesselbush announces that the Women's Caucus of the General Assembly will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Library of the State House.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator McCaffrey, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:46 o'clock P.M, in memory of Lucia Norma Ricci-Curcio

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

INVOCATION

SENATOR V. SUSAN SOSNOWSKI

As we reconvene in the Senate Chamber, let us once again contemplate our reasons for being here. Let us also ask of our Creator that he bestow special blessings today on us all and properly guide us in serving the people of our State. Amen.

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019:

1. 2019-S 97

BY Felag

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY VETERAN AND MILITARY SPOUSE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

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IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019:

1. *The Reappointment of Janet Coit as Director of the Department of Environmental Management*

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. *The Reappointment of Mark Furcolo as Director of the Department of Revenue*

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

3. **2019-S 38**
BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

4. **2019-S 380**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.