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Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Nineteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:20 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, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Morgan

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Valverde and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber new intern Tara Cooney.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Gallo and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Lupe Vivier, Muriel Gadoury, Mary Ann Snyder, Adam Snyder, Sandy Clark, and Matt Clark.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Conley and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber from the RI Philharmonic Christine Eldridge, and John Paul.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lawson and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Cynthia Brown.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Pearson and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Mary Ann Snyder.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairman Miller, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

The Reappointment of Rebecca Boss as Director of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Senate Bill No. 251 SUB A

BY Conley, Seveney, Murray, Pearson, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAX--NON-COLLECTING RETAILERS, REFERRERS, AND RETAIL SALE FACILITATORS ACT (Extends requirement to collect sales tax to remote sellers in a way that conforms to a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision making it easier for states to compel collection of the sales tax from retailers who do not have a physical presence in their state.)
{LC1182/A/2}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 524**

BY Satchell, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Archambault, Felag

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF ALDEA L. LEITAO
{LC1977/1}

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, Raptakis, Rogers, 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 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019:

- 1. 2019-S 523**
BY Picard
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND HONORING OLIVIA BARBOZA AND CONNOR ENESTVEDT, FOR BEING NAMED DISTINGUISHED FINALISTS FOR THE 2019 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS
{LC1809/1}

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

NAYS – 0:

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019:

- 1. 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.

Senator Conley moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

Senator Sosnowski discusses the appointment.

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:

YEAS –37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Conley and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Director for the Department of Revenue, Mark Furcolo,

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

Senator Sheehan announces that the Committee on Rules will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

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

Senator Coyne announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Lombardi announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Satchell seconded by Senator Goodwin, and upon the suggestion of Senator Satchell the Senate adjourns at 4:38 o'clock P.M, in memory of Aldea L. Leitao

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR STEPHEN R. ARCHAMBAULT

Dear Lord, as we acknowledge your presence on this Ash Wednesday, please bestow your special blessings on all of us assembled in this Chamber. We ask for your guidance in serving those who have elected us to the best of our ability. Amen.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019:**

1. Reappointment of Trista Piccola, PhD, LISW-S as Director of the Department of Children Youth and Families

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
2. Appointment of Patricia Coyne-Fague, Esq. VICE A.T. Wall as Director of the Department of Corrections

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
3. Reappointment of Peter Alviti as Director of the Department of Transportation

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
4. **2019-S 70**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
5. **2019-S 149**
BY Coyne
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON - VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
6. **2019-S 150**
BY Lombardo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - JOHNSTON PLANNING BOARD

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

7. **2019-S 222**
BY Paolino
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

8. **2019-S 311**
BY Sheehan
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.