

# 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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Twenty Forth 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 4:22 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, and Valverde.

**ABSENT – 0:**

## **INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

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

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

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

**GUESTS**

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

**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**House Bill No. 5125 SUB A**

**BY** Williams, Blazejewski, Alzate, Barros, Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE REPRODUCTIVE PRIVACY ACT (Serves to codify the privacy rights guaranteed by the decision reached in the United States Supreme Court case of Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973) and its progeny.)  
{LC518/A/3}

Referred to Senate Judiciary.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****Senate Resolution No. 632**

**BY** Satchell, Ruggiero, Metts, Lombardi, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JANET R. MCGOVERN  
{LC2055/1}

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, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Senate Resolution No. 633**

(Department of Transportation)

**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND REFINANCING OF GARVEE BONDS

{LC2196/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 634**

**BY** Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - SIDEWALKS (Requires the director of the department of transportation to organize and complete snow removal from all sidewalks located on state highway overpasses and pedestrian overhead walkways within 24 hours of a snowstorm.)

{LC1906/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 635**

(Governor/ Attorney General)

**BY** Miller, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Gallo, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Bans possession, sale and transfer of assault weapons which are not property registered.)

{LC1613/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 636**

(Governor/ Attorney General)

**BY** Metts, Quezada, Crowley, Goldin, Lawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Prohibits firearms possession within 300 feet of school grounds except for peace officers, retired law enforcement officers, persons providing school security, firearms on private property and unloaded firearms in containers or locked car racks.)

{LC1616/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 637**

(Governor/ Attorney General)

**BY** Goldin, Coyne, Seveney, Euer, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LARGE CAPACITY FEEDING DEVICE BAN (Prohibits sale/possession of feeding device holding more than 10 ammunition rounds punishable by up to \$5,000 fine or up to 5 years imprisonment with law enforcement/military personnel exceptions.)

{LC1614/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 638**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Miller, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, DiPalma, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Prohibits obtaining a firearm on behalf of another person if that person is prohibited from possessing a firearm. Increases the penalties for purchases of firearms by use of false information.)

{LC1609/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019:****1. 2019-S 626**

**BY** Pearson

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING EMILY RAIMONDI ON BEING SELECTED AS ONE OF RHODE ISLAND'S DISTINGUISHED HONOREES IN THE 24TH ANNUAL PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

**2. 2019-S 627**

**BY** Coyne

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO STUDY ELDERLY ABUSE AND FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

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, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

**NAYS – 0:**

### CALENDAR

#### IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019:

**1. 2019-H 5241 SUB A**

**BY** Mattiello

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Conley, Gallo, Lombardi, Paolino, Cano, McKenney, Murray, and Coyne.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 4 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS –34:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

**NAYS – 4:** Senators Bell, DiPalma, Euer, and Metts.

### 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 DiPalma wishes everyone a belated Happy  $\pi$  Day.

Senator Quezada announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Archambault announces that the Joint Committee on Judiciary and Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Lombardi wishes all Fathers a Happy St. Josephs Day.

Senator Coyne announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Goldin announces that the Joint Committee on Health and Human Services, and the House Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare will meet tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Paolino and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber the Second Amendment Community.

Senator Gallo announces that the Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Satchell, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:37 o'clock P.M, *in memory of Janet R. McGovern.*

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

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR FRANK A. CICCONE, III**

Dear God, we thank Thee for the gift of this new day with its opportunities for growth in nobility of character and in service to others. Amen.

**Appendix**

**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR**

**House Bill No. 5241 SUB A**

**BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Slater, Morin, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO-  
LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Authorizes and provide  
for online sports wagering through authorized hosting facilities in Rhode Island.)

{LC1189/A/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.