

# 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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Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Twenty Fifth 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 4:14 o'clock P.M.

## ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT –35:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, 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 – 3:** Senators Crowley, Felag, and Morgan.

## INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Euer and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber from the Every Student Initiative (ESI) Lucas Norzak, Simon Roy, Tryce Evans, Liam Griffiths, and Georgia Griffiths.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Miller and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Keith Humphreys, Dr. Anna Lembke, Dr. Bonnie Halpern-Felsher, and the Director of BHDDH Rebecca Boss.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Raptakis and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Cheryl Novak.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Paolino and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Cheryl Novak.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Goldin and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Yusuf Nekieb.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Seveney and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Members of the Every Student Initiative in the Gallery.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations****Senate Chamber**

March 20, 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, March 20, 2019.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley  
Senate District 16

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**



**Senate Chamber**

March 20, 2019

Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio  
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, March 20, 2019, due to illness. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine J. Morgan  
SENATE MINORITY WHIP

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**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 Courtney Hawkins as Director of the Department of Human Services*

From the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 639**

**BY** Satchell, Conley, McKenney, Lynch Prata, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING  
EDWARD DESILVA

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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, Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, 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.

**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 announces that the Committee on Finance will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

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 Gallo announces that the Committee on Education will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 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 211 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 4:33 o'clock P.M., *in memory of Edward DeSilva*.

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

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR WILLIAM J. CONLEY Jr.**

As the spring season begins, we pray that we all be unbound from that which weighs heaviest on our hearts, and that a new season of restoration and revelation begins. We ask for Your guidance in restoring the face of the earth. May we learn to live in harmony, safety and peace. Amen.