

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Twenty Eighth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:08 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT –34: 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, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Crowley, Morgan, Pearson, and Satchell.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Miller and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber members of the Mothers Demand Action group.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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

March 27, 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 illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, March 27, 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.

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

March 27, 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, March 27, 2019, due to a personal matter. 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.

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

March 27, 2019

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to a professional obligation, I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, March 27, 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 "Adam J. Satchell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Senator Adam J. Satchell
Senate District 09

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairwoman Lynch Prata, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 642

BY Rogers, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Adam Plumer to join Samantha Toohey and Matthew Borys in marriage on or about June 28, 2019, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC2226/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 644

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Bethany Laskowski to join Jonelle Lorena Schofield and Joshua Kerry Cliff in marriage on or about May 18, 2019, within the city of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC2176/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 645

BY McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Mark S. Mandell to join Sara Kemper and Zach Mandell in marriage on or about August 31, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC490/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 646

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Jayant Sane to join Ami Pathuk and Davè Rutul in marriage on or about May 18, 2019, within the Town of Middletown, Rhode Island.)
{LC2190/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5516**BY** Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Rebecca Weinreich, to join Wendy Anne Nelson and Daniel Michael Weinreich in marriage on or about June 1, 2019, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC1491/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 731****BY** DiPalma, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DONNA MARTIN'S FOURTEEN YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY PROVIDER NETWORK OF RHODE ISLAND (CPNRI)
{LC2134/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, McCaffrey, Bell, Archambault, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Cano, Sosnowski, Sheehan, Quezada, Lawson, Murray, Goldin, and Euer.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Tom Kane, Michael Andrade, Regina Hayes, Gloria Quinn, Antonia Greco, Bob Robillard, Kevin McHale, Mike Smith, Mary Madden, Rory Carmody, Andrew MacQuaide, Tina Spears, Donna Martin, and Van Gerald.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 732****BY Lawson, Coyne, Conley****ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION THANKING FORMER EAST PROVIDENCE POLICE CHIEF CHRISTOPHER PARELLA FOR HIS NEARLY TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF MERITORIOUS AND DEVOTED SERVICE WITH THE EAST PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

{LC2191/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lawson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lawson moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 733**BY Lombardo****ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THERESE F. QUINN

{LC2188/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lombardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardo moves passage, seconded by Senators, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Gallo, Lynch Prata, Quezada, Metts, Bell, Euer, and Murray.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019:****1. 2019-H 5305****BY Williams****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - RHODE ISLAND UNINSURED PROTECTION FUND**

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

Senator Ciccone moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Felag, Metts, McKenney, Cano, and Murray.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –34: 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, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.**NAYS – 0:****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.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lawson and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Judy Ouelette, from Mothers Demand Action.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Goldin and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Rev. Jennifer Geary of the RI Conference of the United Church of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Nesselbush announces that the Women's Caucus will meet Thursday, March 28, 2019 at the rise of the Senate in the Library 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 Raptakis announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs will meet today 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 211 of the State House.

Senator Metts and Felag announces that the Joint Committee on Education and Finance 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 Lombardo, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:33 o'clock P.M, *in memory of Therese F. Quinn*

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR HAROLD M. METTS

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!’ (Psalm 133:1)
“Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that built it! Except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. (Psalm 127:1)

Our Heavenly Father, in all that we do, help us to move forward with your precepts in our thoughts.

Father, help us to be respectful to each other’s values and opinions.

Help us, LORD, to find common ground, that will come, if we allow you to build the house.

And, Father, bind us together with love and help us to rise above the divisiveness of our times, and come together in unity that will glorify you and our nation.

IN JESUS NAME. AMEN

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-S 642**
BY Rogers
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 2. 2019-S 644**
BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 3. 2019-S 645**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 4. 2019-S 646**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 5. 2019-H 5516**
BY Blazejewski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019:

1. **2019-S 630**
BY Crowley
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO
THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

2. **2019-H 5278 SUB A**
BY Abney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAX--NON-
COLLECTING RETAILERS, REFERRERS, AND RETAIL SALE FACILITATORS
ACT

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