

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Journal of the Senate

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Thursday, March 28, 2019

Twenty Ninth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:19 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, 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 – 1: Senator Crowley.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo 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 28, 2019

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
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 Thursday, March 28, 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.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 734****BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Algieri, Metts**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH AS "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2109/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Dr. Steven Schechter, Dr. Samir Shah, Dr. Harlam Rich, Mr. Eric Lamy, Mr. Matt Boudreau, Ms. Ann Clanton, C. Kelly Smith, and Ms. Barbara Baker.

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 735****BY** Sosnowski, Ruggerio, Algieri, Metts, Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING "QUAHOG WEEK 2019"
FROM MARCH 25 TO MARCH 31

{LC2227/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by 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, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber DEM Director Janet Coit, Rob Ballou, Mike McGivency, and Jody King.

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

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sheehan and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Jody King.

Upon the suggestion of Senator McKenney and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Jody King.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 736**BY** de la Cruz, Paolino, Morgan, Rogers, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING RYAN J. FERRIS

{LC2204/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator de la Cruz requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator de la Cruz moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, 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.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Bill No. 737**BY** Euer, Gallo, Metts, DiPalma, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- STUDENT LOAN BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Creates the "student loan bill of rights act" which establishes guidelines for the issuance of postsecondary loans.)

{LC2289/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 738**BY** Miller, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE--MARKET STABILITY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island health insurance market stability and consumer protection act in order to update state law to reflect current insurance standards, practice and regulation to maintain market stability.)

{LC1782/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Resolution No. 739**BY** Sosnowski, Sheehan, Algieri**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING LOUIS GIANCOLA FOR HIS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE WITH SOUTH COUNTY HEALTH

{LC2249/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 740**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Gallo, Lombardi, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INSURANCE BENEFITS (Entitles correctional officers with twenty-five (25) years of service and who are at least fifty-five (55) years of age to receive a non-Medicare-eligible retiree health care insurance benefit.)

{LC439/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 741**BY** Lombardo, Ruggerio, Conley, Lombardi, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

{LC2250/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

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

NAYS – 0:

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.

Senator Lombardo moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Cano, Nesselbush, Quezada, Sheehan, and Euer.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, 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.

NAYS – 0:

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.

Senator Conley moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Sheehan, Goodwin, Felag, Lombardi, Lawson, Pearson, McKenney, Archambault, Seveney, and DiPalma.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Senator Lombardo 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 Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services 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 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 de la Cruz, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:41 o'clock P.M., *in memory of Ryan J. Ferris*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR HANNA M. GALLO

Almighty God, bless those who serve in this Senate. Inspire us with your truth, surround us with your love, and fill us with your grace. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019:

1. **2019-S 739**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING LOUIS GIANCOLA FOR HIS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVED WITH SOUTH COUNTY HEALTH

Ordered on the Consent Calendar

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

House Bill No. 5278 SUB A

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAX--NON-COLLECTING RETAILERS, REFERRERS, AND RETAIL SALE FACILITATORS ACT (Extends the 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/sales tax from retailers who do not have a physical presence in their state.)

{LC1249/A/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

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}

Transmitted to the Governor.