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Thirtieth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:17 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 Nesselbush, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President presents the following communication from Her Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 39-18-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority Board of Directors:

Maureen Martin

For a term expiring April 1, 2022.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
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GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 39-18-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority Board of Directors:

Michelle Wilcox

Karen Santilli
VICE

For a term expiring April 1, 2022.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

Mario Bueno

(Community Based Organization Representative)

For a term expiring January 1, 2022.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

Karsten Hart
(Employer Representative)

For a term expiring January 1, 2022.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

Paul MacDonald

(Labor Representative)

For a term expiring January 1, 2022.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

David Chenevert
(Employer Representative)

For a term expiring January 1, 2022.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

Chairman Lombardo, from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

House Bill No. 5187

BY Cassar, Alzate, Walsh, Knight, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON - VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER (Ratifies and validates the amendments to the Barrington Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the town of Barrington at the polls on November 6, 2018.)
{LC840/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5117

BY Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Middletown, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Middletown on November 6, 2018.)
{LC504/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Chairman Felag, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

House Bill No. 5053

BY Morin, Phillips, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Exempts property located at 122 North Main Street in the city of Woonsocket from the provision requiring it to be located a certain distance from objectors/schools/churches regarding the issuance of retail liquor licenses.)
{LC382/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 742**

BY Sheehan, Valverde, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE NORTH KINGSTOWN BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2018-2019 RHODE ISLAND BOYS BASKETBALL DIVISION ONE TOURNAMENT AND THE 2018-2019 RHODE ISLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

{LC2260/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Sheehan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sheehan 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, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sheehan and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber from the North Kingstown D-1 Championship Basketball team, Head Coach Aaron Thomas, and players, John Quainoo, Nick Sacchetti, Tristan Curran, Clay Brochu, Nolan Bush, Aiden Hindley-Rivera, Ben Masse, and Owen Moynihan.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Valverde and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber from the North Kingstown D-1 Championship Basketball team, Assistant Coaches Kevin Gormley, and James Simmons, and players Dylan Poirier, Geoff Coyne, Nick Quarella, Mason Walsh, Dan Smith, Rock Deresky, Caleb Wagner, and Ryder Anderson.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 743**

BY Cano, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Felag, Picard

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND ADVOCATING SUPPORT FOR THE "CENSUS DAY OF ACTION" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2182/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Cano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Cano moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, 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.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Cano, and Senator Crowley and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Mayor of Pawtucket James Diosa, Jessica Davis, Nancy Wolonski, John Maron, Patrick Crowley Oscar Myia, Daimos Colon.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Morgan and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber members of the 2nd Amendment Coalition.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

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

Senator Raptakis announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs 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 tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 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 Satchell, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:41 o'clock P.M, *in memory of Sgt. Brian St. Germain.*

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DONNA M. NESSELBUSH

Our Lady of Peace, in our time of need we turn to you with eyes of love, with empty hands and longing hearts. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019:

1. **2019-H 5117**
BY Ruggiero
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 in concurrence.

2. **2019-H 5187**
BY Cassar
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 in concurrence.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019:

- 1. 2019-H 5053**
BY Morin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage in concurrence.