

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Thirty Third Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT –36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, 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, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Ciccone, and Picard.

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 Thirty Second 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 Nesselbush and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Miguel Mora, Jackie Cortez, and Karen Edwards.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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

April 9, 2019

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

Dear President Ruggiero:

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate Session Tuesday April 9, 2019, due to an out of state commitment.

I would appreciate you recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Ciccone, III

Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senator District ~ 7

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



Senate Chamber

April 9, 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 professional obligations I will be out of town and therefore absent from the chamber on Tuesday, April 9, 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 "Roger A. Picard". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Senator Roger A. Picard
Senate District 20

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 794****BY** Gallo, Ruggiero, Cano, Satchell, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL, 2019, TO BE "FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2360/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, 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 Gallo and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Charon Rose.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 795****BY** Lawson, de la Cruz, Ruggiero, Felag, Bell**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF HELEN F. ROSE

{LC2192/1}

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, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Gallo and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Pat Russell, and Edward Rose.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 796**

BY Euer

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 10, 2019, TO BE "LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF RHODE ISLAND 100TH ANNIVERSARY DAY"

{LC2388/1}

Introduced, and placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019:

- 1. 2019-S 791**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2019, TO BE "STORM DRAIN AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

- 2. 2019-S 792**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DAVID P. LEYS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

- 3. 2019-S 793**
BY Archambault
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ADROIT SOFTWARE INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

4. **2019-H 5091**
BY Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF TEN TREES GROUP, INC.

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

5. **2019-H 5257**
BY Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ST. PETER'S-BY-THE-SEA, NARRAGANSETT, RHODE ISLAND

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

6. **2019-H 5467**
BY Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CARS INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for 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 –34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019:

1. *The Reappointment of Michael DiBiase as Director of the Department of Administration.*

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Senator Conley moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Gallo, Felag, Sosnowski, Sheehan, Pearson, Metts, Algieri, Archambault, Paolino, Cano, McKenney, Valverde, Seveney, DiPalma.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, 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, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Conley and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber the newly appointed Michael DiBiase.

CALENDAR

2. **2019-S 257**
BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
INSURANCE RATES

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Gallo, Quezada, Metts, Satchell, de la Cruz, Bell, Valverde, Coyne, and DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, 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, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

3. **2019-S 57**
BY Satchell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
MICRO ZONE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Satchell moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Archambault, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Felag, Miller, Lombardo, Lombardi, Crowley, Sheehan, Nesselbush, Metts, Cano, Murray, Goldin, and Euer.

Senators Cano, and Goldin discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

4. 2019-S 58

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASELOAD ESTIMATING CONFERENCES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator DiPalma moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Felag, Lynch Prata, Nesselbush, Pearson, Bell, Murray, and Goldin.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

5. 2019-S 24

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND PATHWAYS PROJECT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Miller moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Conley, Lombardo, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Sheehan, Quezada, Satchell, Cano, Valverde, Seveney, Coyne, and DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, 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, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

6. 2019-S 72

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Lombardi moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Lombardo, Felag, Gallo, Lawson, Paolino, Rogers, Valverde, Euer, and DiPalma.

Senator Bell, Archambault, and Raptakis discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Cano, 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, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 1: Senator Bell.

7. 2019-S 342

BY Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin this act is ordered to be placed on the Senate Calendar for, Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

8. 2019-S 503

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Gallo, moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Conley, Lombardo, Lombardi, Sosnowski, Quezada, Metts, Cano, Algieri, Archambault, Paolino, Rogers, Coyne, Seveney, and DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, 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, 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 Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

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 Sheehan announces that the Committee on Rules, Government Ethics, and Oversight will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 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 Coyne announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Metts 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.

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 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Lawson, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin, the Senate adjourns at 4:53 o'clock P.M, *in memory of Helen F. Rose*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR HAROLD M. METTS

Lord,

In your word you said, “Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love” (John 4:7-8)

You also said that a house divided against itself cannot stand.

~ We all have shortcomings. Instead of always looking for negativity, help us to also recognize the good in each other. Help us to love

~ Help us Lord to respect each other’s opinions that may differ.

~Help us strive for unity within our diversity.

~In all that we do, help us to follow your example of love.

~Help us to love and be obedient to your word and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

In Jesus Name

Amen

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

House Bill No. 5091

BY Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF TEN TREES GROUP, INC.

{LC415/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

House Bill No. 5257

BY Tanzi, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ST. PETER'S-BY-THE-SEA, NARRAGANSETT, RHODE ISLAND

{LC1152/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

House Bill No. 5467

BY Lombardi, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CARS INC.

{LC1549/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019:

1. **2019-S 796**

BY Euer

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 10, 2019, TO BE
“LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF RHODE ISLAND 100TH ANNIVERSARY
DAY”

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-S 342**
BY Goldin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 2. 2019-S 90**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY WORKPLACE

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
- 3. 2019-S 171**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- APPROPRIATE DISABILITY LANGUAGE

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
- 4. 2019-S 173**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
- 5. 2019-S 330**
BY Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES -- SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
- 6. 2019-S 370**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - BENEFITS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

7. **2019-S 371**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
 PAYMENT OF WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

8. **2019-S 741**
 BY Lombardo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY --
 PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS,
 BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.