

# 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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Thursday, April 11, 2019

Thirty 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 4:19 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, 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, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

**ABSENT – 3:** Senator Algiere, Morgan, and, Picard.

## **INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Christopher Bowe, Chair of the RI Student Advisory Council.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Metts and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Mr. Lazaio Quezada.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Diana Hessler, Alvaro Hessler, and Laura Henaro.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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

April 11, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Thursday, April 11, 2019, due to a business commitment. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis L. Algieri  
SENATE MINORITY LEADER

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



Senate Chamber

April 11, 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 absent from the chamber on Thursday, April 11, 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.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

***The Reappointment of Alan R. Goulart of North Kingstown as Magistrate of the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal for a ten (10) year term.***

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

***The Appointment of Michael DiChiro, Jr. of Johnston as Magistrate of the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal for a ten (10) year term.***

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 800**

**BY** Lawson

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MARGARET E. ROGERS ON BEING NAMED THE 2019 "CHERRY BLOSSOM PRINCESS"  
{LC2370/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 801**

**BY** Valverde

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK" ON APRIL 7TH THROUGH APRIL 13TH, 2019, AND PROCLAIMING "RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY DAY" ON APRIL 13, 2019  
{LC2434/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Valverde requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Valverde and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Patti Arkwright, Laurie Kelly, Ellen Kouima, Gloria Roman, Gail Shields, Ann Sullivan, Nancy McKenna, Karen Shabshalowitz, Mary Ann Grintchenko, and Jesse Pugh.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 802**

**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Pearson, Picard

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM ON WINNING THE NCAA TOURNAMENT EAST REGIONAL, PLAYED AT THE DUNKIN DONUTS CENTER, AND WISHING THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS AT THE FROZEN FOUR IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK  
{LC2443/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Bill No. 803**

**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Conley, Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES (Establishes special economic development districts.)  
{LC2444/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

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

Senator Goodwin wishes everyone a happy and safe vacation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator McCaffrey, the Senate adjourns at 5:35 o'clock P.M.

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

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR JAMES A. SEVENEY**

Lord, we ask you to keep us safe and healthy over the vacation break, and allow us to return refreshed so we may continue to serve in the best interests of our people. Amen.



Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019:

1. **2019-S 800**  
**BY** Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MARGARET E. ROGERS ON BEING NAMED THE 2019 "CHERRY BLOSSOM PRINCESS"

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

## Appendix

## CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019:

1. *The Reappointment of Alan R. Goulart of North Kingstown as Magistrate of the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal for a ten (10) year term.*

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

2. *The Appointment of Michael DiChiro, Jr. of Johnston as Magistrate of the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal for a ten (10) year term.*

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