

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Thirty Sixth 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 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 Picard to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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

April 24, 2019

Mr. Robert L. Ricci
Secretary of the Senate
220 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Secretary Ricci:

I wish to withdraw one of my Senate Bills scheduled for hearing in Judiciary committee on Tuesday, April 23, 2019:

Senate Bill No. 473

BY Bell, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC1561/1} (Adds live-in caregivers and others residing in a dwelling unit to the definition of tenant, and would permit such person to extend the term of a lease for up to three (3) months.)

02/27/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2019 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Samuel W. Bell
Senator – District 5

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:

Senate Bill No. 783

BY Goodwin, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Mary Ann Scholz to join Stephanie Theresa Daub and Robert Edward Struck, II, in marriage on or about September 14, 2019, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)

{LC2348/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 346

BY Lynch Prata, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER (Creates joint committee to compile suggestions for repeal of statutes, regulations, and executive orders.)

{LC810/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chairman Miller, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

The Appointment of Rosamaria Amoros Jones VICE Charles J. Fogarty as Director of the Division of Elderly Affairs within the Department of Human Services.

From the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

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

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Senator Lynch Prata moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Conley, Felag, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Lawson, Algieri, Archambault, Cano, Rogers, McKenney, Euer, and DiPalma.

Senators Lombardi, Archambault, and Bell discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, with 38 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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:

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lynch Prata and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber the newly appointed Alan R. Goulart.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lynch Prata and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber the daughters of Alan Goulart; Rebecca Goulart and Elizabeth Goulart.

CALENDAR

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.

Senator Lynch Prata moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Conley, Gallo, Felag, Sosnowski, Lombardi, Lombardo, Ciccone, Nesselbush, Sheehan, Picard, Algieri, Paolino, Rogers, Cano, Murray, Seveney, and DiPalma.

Senators Lombardo, Nesselbush, Conley, Bell, Archambault, Lombardi, and Sheehan.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, 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 – 1: Senator Bell.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lynch Prata and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber the newly appointed Michael DiChiro, Jr.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lynch Prata and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Michael DiChiro, Stephanie DiChiro, Frank Manni, John Manni, Arthur Pethoginelli, Joe Lennon, Bill Vescra, and Richard Delfino.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardi and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Arthur Pethoginelli, and Joe Lennon.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Gallo and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Michael DiChiro, and Stephanie DiChiro.

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 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 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 Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Metts announces that the Committee on Education will meet tomorrow 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 Sosnowski announces that the Special Committee on Fisheries will meet tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Lombardi announces that the Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 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 McCaffrey announces the recent birthdays of Senators Miller, DiPalma, and Quezada.

Senator Goodwin announces that the 6th Melanoma awareness day will be held tomorrow from 2:30 o'clock P.M. to 4:30 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator McCaffrey, the Senate adjourns at 4:59 o'clock P.M.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ROGER A. PICARD

Dear Lord, as we return to this chamber, remind us that in the days ahead there will be many choices before us as we work to make our State a greater place to live. Help us to work together to reach common ground and find positive solutions for the benefit of all our constituents. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019:

1. **2019-S 783**
BY Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2019-S 804**
BY Raptakis
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENTHRONEMENT OF HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN METHODIOS ON APRIL 8, 1984

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019:

1. *The Appointment of Rosamaria Amoros Jones VICE Charles J. Fogarty as Director of the Division of Elderly Affairs within the Department of Human Services.*

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. **2019-S 346**
BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT
COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.