

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Journal of the Senate

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Thirty Seventh Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:17 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 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, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Crowley, and Picard.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GENERAL TREASURER

The Honorable General Treasurer, transmits the following appointments and requests the advice and consent of the Senate:

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

Office of the General Treasurer
State House – Room 102
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Seth Magaziner
General Treasurer

April 24, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-10.1-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Public Finance Management Board:

Julie R. Goucher of Narragansett

VICE
Patricia M. Anderson

for a term expiring July 1, 2021.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Seth Magaziner
General Treasurer

To the Senate Committee on Finance.



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TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 35-10-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the R.I. State Investment Commission:

Karen Marie Hazard of Pascoag

VICE
Marcia Reback

for a term expiring July 1, 2021.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Seth Magaziner
General Treasurer

To the Senate Committee on Finance.



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TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 35-10-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following re-appointment to the R.I. State Investment Commission:

Dr. Sylvia Maxfield of Jamestown

for a term expiring July 1, 2022.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Seth Magaziner
General Treasurer

To the Senate Committee on Finance.



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TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 36-8-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following re-appointment to the Retirement Board:

Lisa A. Whiting of Bristol

for a term expiring July 1, 2021.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Seth Magaziner
General Treasurer

To the Senate Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

Chairman Picard, from the Committee on Commerce, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 40

BY DiPalma, Conley, Euer, Goldin, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS - NET NEUTRALITY (Requires Internet service providers to follow Internet service neutrality requirements.)
{LC293/1}

From the Committee on Commerce to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 190

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - CONDOMINIUM LAW - MANAGEMENT OF CONDOMINIUM (Provides that financial and other records be made available for examination by unit owners within thirty (30) days of a request being made.)
{LC1144/1}

From the Committee on Commerce to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 256 SUB A

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- TRAVEL INSURANCE ACT (Creates the travel insurance act to establish comprehensive/uniform regulatory framework for travel insurance. Clarifying/bolstering enforcement authority over participants in the travel insurance industry.)
{LC1246/A/1}

From the Committee on Commerce to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 536

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (Allows disability insurance with a benefit limit in excess of a benefit limit available from an admitted insurer to be written in the surplus lines market.)
{LC1775/1}

From the Committee on Commerce to the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 805****BY** Goodwin, McCaffrey, Miller**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 5TH THROUGH MAY 11TH, 2019, TO BE "MELONOMA AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2254/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, Senators, Algiere, Archambault, 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, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

Senator Bell asks that he be recused from the resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 806**BY** Paolino, Crowley, Pearson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2019, TO BE "NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2457/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Paolino requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Paolino moves passage, 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, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 807**BY** Lombardo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JANICE D. MELE

{LC2472/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Lombardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardo moves passage, Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, 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.

Senate Resolution No. 808**BY** Rogers**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SHARON COTTER, EMT-P, RN, FNP

{LC2487/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Algiere and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Thomas Oates, Thomas Follo, and Anthony Bucci Jr.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Paolino and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Former Mayor of Central Falls Tommy Lazieh.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

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 –36: 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, 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 Raptakis announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs will meet today 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 today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Metts announces that the Committee on Education will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Lombardi announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator McCaffrey announces that Senator Seveney will receive the Legislator of the Year award tomorrow, from the Rhode Island Mental Health Association.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator McCaffrey and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:38 o'clock P.M, *in memory of Janice D. Mele*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR THOMAS J. PAOLINO

Dear God, keep alive our faith in You as we endeavor to perform our duties in order to ensure a better state of Rhode Island. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019:

- 1. 2019-S 808**
BY Rogers
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF SHARON COTTER, EMT-P, RN, FNP

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.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019:

1. **2019-S 40**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -
INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS - NET NEUTRALITY

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

2. **2019-S 190**
BY Picard
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - CONDOMINIUM LAW -
MANAGEMENT OF CONDOMINIUM

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

3. **2019-S 256 SUB A**
BY Picard
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- TRAVEL INSURANCE ACT

Committee on Commerce recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

- 4. 2019-S 536**
BY Picard
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.