

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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Forty Sixth 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 4:21 o'clock P.M.

## ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT –34:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and 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, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

**ABSENT – 4:** Senators Cano, Morgan, Picard, and Satchell.

## INVOCATION

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Gallo and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Miranda Heares.

**APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR**

The Honorable President of the Senate 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

May 15, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-7.2-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services:

**Womazetta Jones**

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

#### State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



#### Senate Chamber

May 14, 2019

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

Dear President Ruggiero:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber Wednesday, May 15, Thursday, May 16 and Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Sandra C. Cano  
Senator District #8

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**



**Senate Chamber**

May 15, 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 personal reasons, I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, May 15, 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 "Adam J. Satchell".

Senator Adam J. Satchell  
Senate District 09

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 875****BY** Coyne

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 12 THROUGH MAY 18, 2019, TO BE "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY  
{LC2422/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Coyne requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Coyne moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Ciccone, Conley, 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, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Coyne and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Anthony Copezza.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 876****BY** Crowley

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING COLONEL DANIEL J. BARZYKOWSKI ON BEING NAMED THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE CENTRAL FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
{LC2636/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, 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, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Crowley and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Colonel Daniel Barzykowski, Laura Barzykowski, Simone Barzykowski, and Jerry Barzykowski.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Archambault and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Colonel Daniel Barzykowski, and Laura Barzykowski.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardi and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Colonel Daniel Barzykowski, and Laura Barzykowski.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 877**

**BY** Sheehan, Valverde, Crowley, Ciccone, McCaffrey  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON  
THE PASSING OF SANFORD TULLY  
{LC2614/1}

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, Algiere, Archambault, Bell, 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, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**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 Lombardi announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Senate Lounge 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 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 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 Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will not meet tomorrow.

### ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Sheehan, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:45 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Sanford Tully.*

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

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR FRANK A. CICCONE, III**

Dear God, we ask that you be with us today in our thoughts and actions as we try to work for the benefit of all our constituents. Amen.



**Appendix****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019:****1. 2019-S 55****BY** Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ESTABLISHING A SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**2. 2019-S 847****BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SEC. 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 LEASE REVENUE BONDS OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS BY THE PROVIDENCE PUBLIC BUILDINGS AUTHORITY TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, REHABILITATION, REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS AT THE CITY'S SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BUILDING ENVELOPE REPAIR, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING IMPROVEMENTS, FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE AND PEST CONTROL, INCLUDING DESIGN AND FEASIBILITY, ENGINEERING OR OTHER STUDIES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**3. 2019-S 738 SUB A****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE--MARKET STABILITY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Health &amp; Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**4. 2019-H 5174****BY Slater**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SEC. 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 LEASE REVENUE BONDS OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS BY THE PROVIDENCE PUBLIC BUILDINGS AUTHORITY TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, REHABILITATION, REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS AT THE CITY'S SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BUILDING ENVELOPE REPAIR, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING IMPROVEMENTS, FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE AND PEST CONTROL, INCLUDING DESIGN AND FEASIBILITY, ENGINEERING OR OTHER STUDIES

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.