

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Forty Seventh Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 3 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT –35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and 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, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 3: Senator Cano, Coyne, and Picard.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Conley, 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 Elmer Pina.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lawson and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Elmer Pina.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication:

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

May 16, 2018

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

Dear Mr. President,

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today, May 16, 2019, as I will be out of state.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cynthia A. Coyne
Senator, District 32

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

House Bill No. 5951

BY Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Mary Beth Hauser to join Julie Shellard and Anthony Marino in marriage on or about July 13, 2019, within the town of Middletown, Rhode Island.)
{LC2347/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

House Bill No. 5977

BY Chippendale, Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Jason Grabowski to join Danielle Baron and Shaun Darigan in marriage on or about July 27, 2019, within the Town of Glocester, Rhode Island.)
{LC2398/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

House Bill No. 6002

BY Shekarchi, Solomon, Bennett, Noret, Serodio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Jessica L. Irely to join Katelyn T. Maxwell and Joseph M. Brennan in marriage on or about June 21, 2019, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC2441/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

House Bill No. 6017 SUB A

BY McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Roger Kroha to join Jennifer Nasser and Daniel Rubino in marriage on or about October 12, 2019, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)
{LC2475/A/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

House Bill No. 6018**BY** Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Austin Murphy to join Catherine K. DeVoe and Kurt R. Worell in marriage on or about July 27, 2019, within the Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island.)

{LC2477/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

House Bill No. 6036**BY** Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Cory J. Bilodeau to join Linda M. Bilodeau and Paul D. O'Mara in marriage on or about June 7, 2019, within the Town of East Greenwich, Rhode Island.)

{LC2504/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

House Bill No. 6037**BY** Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Alison S. Carcieri-Cassidy to join Nicole Elaine Russo and Sean Dominic Carlino in marriage on or about August 17, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC2505/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

House Bill No. 6122**BY** McNamara, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows James Weston Reynolds to join Jenna Alean Mendonsa and Scott William Donovan in marriage on or about June 8, 2019, within the City of Cranston, Rhode Island.)

{LC2654/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

Chairwoman Sosnowski, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 201**BY** Raptakis, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COVENTRY SEWER AUTHORITY (Enables the town of Coventry to charge owners of lands using the sewage works interest charges in excess of charges paid by the town.)

{LC131/1}

From the Committee on Environment and Agriculture to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 406**BY** Sosnowski, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- ASSENT TO FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT (Assents To The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, and empowers the director of DEM to perform those acts necessary, to be in compliance with the provisions of the act for the modernization of the safety of the food supply.)

{LC1642/1}

From the Committee on Environment and Agriculture to the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Chairman Felag, from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 715**BY** DiPalma, Ruggerio, Conley, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Amends the date that a new, fully reflective registration plate would be issued from January 1, 2020 to December 1, 2019. The act would also increase the registration fee for fully reflective plates from \$6.00 to fifteen dollars \$15.00.)

{LC2136/1}

From the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs to the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 878****BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY AS "BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2461/1}

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, Ciccone, Conley, 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 Ellen Connery, Pattie Bellini, MJ Reidy, Melissa Rosenberg, Tara Martin, Tess Antonitis, Paige Voccia, Justin Yehle, Alexandra Morris, and Denise Corson.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 879

BY Quezada, Nesselbush, Crowley

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RICARDO PATIÑO FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
{LC2625/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Quezada requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Quezada 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, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

Senators Nesselbush, Crowley, and Goodwin speak on the resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Quezada and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Ricardo Patino, Carol Aguariva, Gonzalo Alervo, Iris Patino, Mayrels Garcia, Gustavo Samche, Carlos Taveras, Silandra Sanchez, Angell Brenos, and Edwin Mendez.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Crowley and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Garcia Chaves, Oscar Chaves, and the Honorable Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 880

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE (Prohibits the practice of importing a wild animal into the state, which animal is not native or indigenous to the state, for the purpose of conducting canned hunting)

{LC2657/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019:

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.

Senator Goodwin moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Conley, Felag, Lombardo, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Sheehan, Bell, DiPalma, Murray, Metts, and Lawson.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon 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, Ciccone, Conley, 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:

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.

Senator Goodwin moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Conley, Felag, Lombardo, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Sheehan, Bell, DiPalma, Murray, Metts, and Lawson.

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, Ciccone, Conley, 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:

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.

Senator Conley moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Gallo, Felag, Lombardo, Lombardi, Pearson, DiPalma, and Seveney.

Senators Bell, Conley, Pearson, and DiPalma discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, 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.

The Senate President Pro Tempore presides over the Chamber at 4:47 o'clock P.M.

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 & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator Miller moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Conley, Gallo, Lombardo, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Quezada, Pearson, Sheehan, Satchell, Archambault, McKenney, Bell, Valverde, Murray, and Euer.

Senator Sheehan discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 5 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –30: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Archambault, Bell, Ciccone, Conley, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 5: Senators Algieri, de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino, and Rogers.

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 tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Senate Lounge of the State House.

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.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Quezada and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber her husband

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Goodwin wishes Senator Lynch Prata a happy Birthday for tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon the suggestion of Senator Archambault, the Senate adjourns at 5:10 o'clock P.M. *in memory of all police law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.*

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR WILLIAM J. CONLEY, JR.

Almighty God, may we pursue our tasks with a sense of Your presence. Give us the wisdom not to squander energy on things that do not matter nor put off until tomorrow that which can be done today. Amen.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019:****1. 2019-S 201 SUB A****BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COVENTRY SEWER AUTHORITY

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

2. 2019-S 406 SUB A**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY --
ASSENT TO FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

3. 2019-S 715**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR****House Bill No. 5174****BY** Slater, Diaz, Hull, Blazejewski, Walsh

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 (Serves as the enabling act for the Providence Public Buildings Authority school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.) {LC746/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.