

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Forty Eighth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:08 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, Coyne, 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, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 3: Senators Cano, Crowley, and Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

APPOINTMENTS 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

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 23-19-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation:

Diana Ducharme

Vice
Joseph White

For a term expiring July 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 23-19-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation:

Jeanne M. Boyle

For a term expiring July 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 23-19-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation:

Geri-Ann DiPaolo

For a term expiring July 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 2003, Chapter 344, I have made the following appointment to the East Providence Waterfront District:

Domenic Pontarelli

Vice
Roy Coulombe

For a term expiring March 31, 2020.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

May 17, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §8-16-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Commission on Judicial Tenure & Discipline:

Christy Durant

(Rhode Island Bar Association Seat)

For a term expiring April 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

May 17, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §8-16-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Commission on Judicial Tenure & Discipline:

Anne Maxwell Livingston
(Governor Appointee)

For a term expiring April 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



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 § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

Maureen Boudreau
(Employer Representative)

VICE
Suma Gaddam

For a term expiring January 1, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



Senate Chamber

May 22, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to personal obligations, I will be absent from the chamber on 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,



Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley
Senate District 16

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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

May 22, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to professional obligations I will be absent from the chamber on 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. Susan Sosnowski".

Senator V. Susan Sosnowski
Senate District 37

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Chairman Lombardo, from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

House Bill No. 5096

BY Maldonado, Tobon, Solomon, Casimiro, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the city of Central Falls which were adopted and approved by the electors of the city on November 6, 2018.)
{LC503/1}

From the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5132

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD (Ratifies the Home Rule Charter amendments adopted and approved by the electors of North Smithfield on November 6, 2018.)
{LC681/1}

From the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 828

BY Sheehan, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATIONS, DEMOLITION, REMEDIATION, ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND/OR RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWN HALL AT 80 BOSTON NECK ROAD AND AT MEMORIAL PARK (PLAT 90 LOT 23) AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$7,500,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR (Authorizes the town of North Kingstown to issue not more than seven million five hundred dollars (\$7,500,000) in bonds and notes to finance improvements and/or related equipment for the town hall.)
{LC2390/1}

From the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government 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 Womazetta Jones to Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 883**

BY Metts, Goldin, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Quezada

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DONALD J. LOPES, SR.

{LC2471/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators McKenney, and Goodwin discuss the resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Metts and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Virginia Lopes, Marilyn Lopes, Chris Lopes, Marissa Lopes, Donald Lopes, Lynette Lopes, Marcus Mitchell, Ronald Machado, Daniel Lopes, Madison Lopes, Logan Lopes, Lailah Nkomo, Giselle Machado, Misty Delgado, Mahogany Braxton, and Charon Rose.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Senator Raptakis moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Euer, Sheehan, Coyne, Rogers, and Conley.

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, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, 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, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

- 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.

Upon the motion of Senator Goodwin this bill is moved to Wednesday's calendar.

- 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.

Senator DiPalma moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Conley, Sheehan, Pearson, McKenney, Murray, Seveney, and Lombardi.

Senators Bell, Ciccone, Morgan, DiPalma, Raptakis, and Pearson discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 27 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 8 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –27: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Archambault, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Valverde.

NAYS – 8: Senators Algieri, Bell, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis, 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 Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today 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 Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon the suggestion of Senator Metts, the Senate adjourns at 4:49 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Donald J. Lopes Sr.*

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR FRANK S. LOMBARDI

Almighty Father, as we gather today for this senate session. Guide our minds and hearts so that we will work for the good of our community. Teach us to be generous in our outlook, courageous in the face of difficulty, and wise in our decisions. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019:

1. **2019-S 881**

BY Euer

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE B. MITCHELL SIMPSON, III

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2019-H 5096**

BY Maldonado

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

3. **2019-H 5132**

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019:

- 1. 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.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019:

- 1. *The Appointment of Womazetta Jones to Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.***

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

- 2. 2019-S 828**
BY Sheehan
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATIONS, DEMOLITION, REMEDIATION, ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND/OR RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWN HALL AT 80 BOSTON NECK ROAD AND AT MEMORIAL PARK (PLAT 90 LOT 23) AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$7,500,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.