

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Fiftieth 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 35 Senators present and 3 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT –35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Archambault, Bell, Cano, 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, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 3: Senators Algieri, Ciccone, and Seveney.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Sheehan, 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

May 23, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §23-28.2-23 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Fire Education & Training Coordinating Board:

Scott Corio

(RI Fire Marshal's Association)

VICE

Mark P. Vincent

For a term expiring January 31, 2022.

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 § 42-64.10-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Quonset Development Corporation:

Susan Leach DeBlasio

For a term expiring January 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,


Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



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 § 42-64.10-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Quonset Development Corporation:

Brendan Doherty

VICE
Shannon Brawley

For a term expiring January 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



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 § 42-64.10-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Quonset Development Corporation:

Don Gralnek

VICE
Jon Justo

For a term expiring January 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



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 § 42-64.10-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Quonset Development Corporation:

Scot Jones

For a term expiring January 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



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 § 42-64.10-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Quonset Development Corporation:

Gregory Mancini

For a term expiring January 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

May 23, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Council on the Arts:

Lawrence E. Purtill

VICE
Scott Duhamel

For a term expiring March 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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

May 23, 2019

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

Dear President Ruggiero:

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate Session Thursday, May 23, 2019, due to a meeting out of the state.

I would appreciate you recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Ciccone, III

Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senator District ~ 7

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



Senate Chamber

May 23, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Thursday, May 23, 2019, due to a business commitment. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis L. Algieri
SENATE MINORITY LEADER

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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

May 23, 2019

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

Dear President Ruggiero:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to personal family obligations, I will be absent from the chamber on Thursday, May 23, 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 blue ink that reads "James A. Seveney".

Senator James A. Seveney
Senate District 11

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 917

BY Sosnowski, Algieri, Valverde

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN SOUTH KINGSTOWN
{LC2655/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators, Lynch Prata, Sheehan, Nesselbush, Lawson, Euer, and Lombardi.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 918

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.
{LC2663/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Metts, Bell, and de la Cruz.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019:**1. 2019-S 915****BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE RHODE ISLAND NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2019-S 916**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY POTENTIAL REFORM OF VICIOUS DOGS' HEARINGS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Morgan, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS –35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Archambault, Bell, Cano, 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, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Senator Miller moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Archambault, Bell, Cano, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Archambault, Bell, Cano, 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, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Miller and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber the newly appointed Womazetta Jones, and Courtney Hawkins from the Dept. of Health and Human Services.

CALENDAR**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.

Senator Sheehan moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Valverde, Bell, Felag, Cano, Lombardi, Lombardo, Nesselbush, and Metts.

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, Archambault, Bell, Cano, 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, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator McCaffrey and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Senator Bob Kells.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator McCaffrey, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin, the Senate adjourns at 4:36 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Edward F. Donnelly Jr.*

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JAMES C. SHEEHAN

Dear Lord, as we reflect on the lives of all who have died in service to our country, give us, your servants, their strength and fortitude to act with integrity and fidelity as we remember them this Memorial Day weekend. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019:

1. 2019-H 5772

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF AMARAL & ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE, INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

2. 2019-H 5931

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF VECTOR CUSPIS OCEANUS, LLC

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

3. 2019-H 6011

BY Mattiello

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF GYM KIDS INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-S 294**
BY Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT ACT OF 2013

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
- 2. 2019-S 309**
BY Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
- 3. 2019-S 445 SUB A**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 4. 2019-S 570**
BY Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.