

State of Rhode Island

Journal of the Senate

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at Rhode Island College in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Fifth day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty One.

Volume 148, No. 1

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

First Legislative Day

In accordance with Chapter 22-3-2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, the Honorable Senate is called to order at 4:10 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Dawn Euer, being the senior member, in continuous service from the City of Newport, on the first Tuesday in January, A.D.2021 (being the first Tuesday of the Month).

SPECIAL GUEST

The Honorable Senator Dawn Euer presents the Honorable Nellie Gorbea, Secretary of State.

As provided in Article III of the Constitution, the roll of the Senate, pursuant to Law, is read by the Honorable Secretary of State as follows:

January 5, 2021

To the Honorable Senate:

I, Nellie M. Gorbea, Secretary of State, hereby certify the following list of members elected to the Senate in the General Assembly, in accordance with the certificate of election filed in this office by the Board Elections on the thirtieth day of November 2020, as provided by Section 22-3-13 of the General Laws of 1956;

Sen. Maryellen Goodwin
Sen. Ana B. Quezada
Sen. Gayle L. Goldin
Sen. Dominick J. Ruggerio
Sen. Samuel W. Bell
Sen. Tiara T. Mack
Sen. Frank A. Ciccone
Sen. Sandra C. Cano
Sen. John P. Burke

Sen. Roger A. Picard
Sen. Gordon E. Rogers
Sen. Stephen R. Archambault
Sen. Jessica de la Cruz
Sen. Melissa Murray
Sen. Frank Lombardo, III
Sen. Frank S. Lombardi
Sen. Hanna M. Gallo
Sen. Joshua Miller

Sen. Walter S. Felag, Jr.
Sen. James A. Seveney
Sen. Louis P. DiPalma
Sen. Dawn M. Euer
Sen. Valarie J. Lawson
Sen. Meghan E. Kallman
Sen. Jonathon Acosta
Sen. Thomas J. Paolino
Sen. Cynthia M. Mendes
Sen. Ryan W. Pearson

Sen. Michael J. McCaffrey
Sen. Jeanine Calkin
Sen. Kendra Anderson
Sen. Cynthia Armour Coyne
Sen. Leonidas P. Raptakis
Sen. Elaine J. Morgan
Sen. Bridget G. Valverde
Sen. Alana M. DiMario
Sen. Virginia Susan Sosnowski
Sen. Dennis L. Algieri

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State of Rhode Island on this fifth day of January, A.D.2021.

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

OATH

The Oath of Office is administered to the foregoing Senators-elect by the Honorable Nellie Gorbea, Secretary of State.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT –37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Ciccone.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Senator Dawn Euer, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Michael J. McCaffrey to deliver the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

INTERIM RULES

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma seconded by Senator Algieri the Senate will reinstate the 2019-2020 rules, pending the report of the rules committee and the adoption of a resolution embodying permanent rules for the 2021-2022 session,

Upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows the ruling of the chair is sustained as follows:

YEAS - 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

NOT VOTING – 1: Senator Anderson.

ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Senators Algieri and Rogers, moves that the floor be open to nominations.

The motion to open nominations prevails on a voice vote.

The Honorable Senator Dawn Euer declares that nominations for the office of President of the Senate are now in order.

Senator Coyne nominates Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio. The nomination is seconded by Senator Pearson.

Senator Archambault, seconded by Senator Lombardo, moves that nominations be closed.

The motion to close nominations prevails on a voice vote.

The Honorable Senator directs the Reading Clerk, to call the roll of the body.

The motion to elect Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio as President of the Senate is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative 0 Senators voting no and 7

Senators abstaining as follows:

YEAS - 31: Senators The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

ABSTAINED – 7: Senators Acosta, Anderson, Bell, Calkin, Goldin, Mack and Mendes.

The Honorable Senator Dawn Euer announces that Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio has been elected President of the Rhode Island Senate for the years 2021 and 2022.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Senator Euer introduces the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court, to administer the oath of Office to the Senate President.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

The Honorable President, Dominick J. Ruggerio, addresses the members of the Senate and their special guests.

(See Appendix for Presidential Remarks)

ELECTION OF THE READING CLERK

The Honorable President declares that nominations for the office of Reading Clerk of the Senate are now in order.

Senator Picard nominates John S. Baxter of Pawtucket as Reading Clerk for the 2021 and 2022 sessions. The nomination is seconded by Senators Lawson, Bell, Rogers, Morgan, Murray, Cano, Goodwin, Goldin, Algiere, Gallo, Raptakis, Lombardi and Seveney.

The motion to elect John S. Baxter of Pawtucket as Reading Clerk of the Senate for the 2021 and 2022 Sessions is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 38: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

The Honorable President declares that nominations for the office of the Secretary of the Senate are now in order.

Senator Archambault nominates John E. Fleming, Jr. of North Providence as the Secretary of the Senate for the 2021 and 2022 sessions. The nomination is seconded by Senator Paolino.

The motion to elect John E. Fleming of North Providence as the Secretary of the Senate of the Senate for the 2021 and 2022 Sessions is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 38: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

OATH

The Honorable Nellie Gorbea, Secretary of State, administers the Oath of Office to the Reading Clerk of the Senate-elect, John S. Baxter of Pawtucket, and the Oath of Office to the Secretary of the Senate to John E. Fleming of North Providence.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Honorable President declares that nominations for the office of President Pro Tempore of the Senate are now in order.

Senator Goodwin nominates Senator Hanna M. Gallo, as President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the 2021 and 2022 Sessions. The nomination is seconded by Senators Cano, Bell, McCaffrey, Pearson, Miller, Picard, Sosnowski, Lombardo, Felag, Seveney, Murray, Goldin, Archambault, Algieri, Raptakis, Quezada, Lombardi, Euer, Mendes and Rogers.

The motion to elect Senator Hanna M. Gallo as President Pro Tempore is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 38: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The Honorable President declares that nominations for the office of Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate are now in order.

Senator Sosnowski nominates Senator Roger A. Picard, as Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the 2021 and 2022 Sessions. The nomination is seconded by Senators Murray, McCaffrey, Algieri, Lombardo, Goodwin, Pearson, Coyne, Paolino, Raptakis, Valverde, Cano, Goldin, DiPalma, Gallo.

The motion to elect Senator Roger A. Picard as Deputy President Pro Tempore is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 38: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

State of Rhode Island**Senate Chamber**

January 5, 2021

Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President

Rhode Island State Senate

318 State House

Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President:

On Wednesday, November 4, 2020, the Senate Republican caucus held a meeting to elect the minority leadership for legislative sessions 2021-2022. The leadership is as follows:

Senate Minority Leader, Honorable Dennis L. Algieri

Senate Minority Whip, Honorable Jessica de la Cruz

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis L. Algieri

SENATE MINORITY LEADER

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

January 5, 2021

The Honorable Senate
Senate Chamber
State House
Providence, RI 02903

To the Honorable, the Senate:

This is to inform you that the Democratic Senators met at the Providence Marriott on November 9, 2020 to elect the Honorable Michael J. McCaffrey of the Twenty Ninth Senatorial District as the Senate Majority Leader for the 2021 – 2022 term.

Sincerely,

Maryellen Goodwin
Senator – District 1
Democratic Caucus Secretary

Read and ordered to be placed on file.



State of Rhode Island

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

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**GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION
CONVENING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

January 4, 2021

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, I declared a state of emergency due to the dangers to health and life posed by COVID-19 and such declaration has been extended until at least January 20, 2021;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death;

WHEREAS, public health experts have determined that it is possible to transmit COVID-19 even before a person shows symptoms and through aerosol transmission;

WHEREAS, since March, the State has issued numerous executive orders, emergency regulations and policy guides geared towards curbing the spread of COVID-19, with such measures including working and meeting remotely, masking, physical distancing and sanitary measures;

WHEREAS, both houses of the General Assembly wish to convene to consider various matters they deem appropriate while ensuring the safety of their members and staff;

WHEREAS, both houses of the General Assembly seek larger, less crowded, meeting spaces than currently exist in the Rhode Island State House, allowing for better

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ventilation and permitting adequate social distancing while members and staff conduct necessary business;

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Constitution suggests that the General Assembly must convene in the State House except under extraordinary circumstances, including the existence of epidemic or contagious disease; and

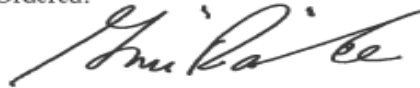
WHEREAS, Article IX, section 7 of the Rhode Island Constitution provides: "The governor may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the general assembly at any town or city in this state, at any time not provided for by law: and in the case of danger from the prevalence of epidemic or contagious disease, in the place in which the general assembly is by law to meet, or to which it may have been adjourned, or for other urgent reasons, the governor may by proclamation convene said assembly at any other place within the state."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GINA M. RAIMONDO, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island pursuant to Article IX, section 7 of the Rhode Island Constitution, do hereby:

1. Convene either or both houses of the Rhode Island General Assembly in session commencing the week of Monday, January 4, 2021.
2. The Rhode Island House of Representatives may convene at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence. The Rhode Island Senate may convene at Rhode Island College in Providence.
3. The two houses of the Rhode Island General Assembly, meeting in the respective locations, may conduct their respective sessions and consider any matter as either or both houses deem appropriate.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and will remain in effect until such time as both houses of the General Assembly stand in adjournment.

So Ordered:



Gina M. Raimondo

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable Senate President presents the following communications:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
SENATE CHAMBER**

January 5, 2021

The Honorable Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that I administered on this fifth day of January, A.D. 2021 the oath of engagement to John S. Baxter of Pawtucket as Reading Clerk of the Senate for the years 2021 and 2022.

Respectfully yours,

Nellie M. Gorbea

Secretary of State

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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
SENATE CHAMBER**

January 5, 2021

The Honorable Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that I administered on this fifth day of January, A.D. 2021 the oath of engagement to John E. Fleming, Jr. of North Providence as Secretary of the Senate for the years 2021 and 2022.

Respectfully yours,

Nellie M. Gorbea

Secretary of State

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
SENATE CHAMBER

January 5, 2021

The Honorable Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that on this fifth day of January, A.D. 2021 the oath of engagement was administered to the President of the Senate for the State of Rhode Island, to the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero.

Respectfully yours,

Nellie M. Gorbea

Secretary of State

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January 5, 2021

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Sen. Alana M. DiMario
Sen. Virginia Susan Sosnowski
Sen. Dennis L. Algieri

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State of Rhode Island on this fifth day of January, A.D. 2021.

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Goodwin announces that the senate will not meet until next Tuesday, January 12th at 4:00 o' clock P.M.

INTRODUCTIONS

Senate Majority Leader McCaffrey introduces newly elected Speaker of the House, Representative K. Joseph Shekarchi and newly elected House Majority Leader, Representative Christopher R. Blazejewski.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and the Senate adjourns at 5:08 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

January 5, 2021



Dominick J. Ruggiero
President of the Senate

Thank you, Cindy and Ryan, for those very kind words. And thank you to all of my colleagues for the honor you have bestowed on me today.

Much has changed since our last Opening Day.

A year ago, we had a bustling economy. Unemployment was 3.4 percent. An incredible 508,000 Rhode Islanders were working. Businesses were thriving, and state revenues were strong.

Then COVID-19 struck.

It wrought havoc on the economy, not just locally, but nationally and globally as well; and it took a toll on public health and education.

Last year, the Senate's top priorities were education, housing, and lowering the high cost of prescription drugs ... and this has not changed, it has only grown more urgent.

Today we face challenges unlike any we have dealt with before.

Our progress in education was disrupted, the housing crisis was exacerbated, and we face health care challenges unlike any of us have ever seen. Many Rhode Islanders are out of work, and many businesses are struggling to get by.

As we open the Senate session this year, we certainly have our work cut out for us. The challenges before us are daunting.

But we have a tremendous team here in the Senate, and, together, we will meet these challenges.

It is fitting that we meet today in John and Lila Sapinsley Hall. Lila Sapinsley was the first woman to serve as Rhode Island Senate Minority Leader, and today we welcome a record 19 women to the Senate.

With increased minority representation as well, this chamber has never been a better reflection of the composition of our state.

Our solemn obligation is to ensure that every student, in every community, receives a quality education ... that every resident can access mental and physical health care ... and that every child will inherit a clean and resilient environment.

We must work to ensure every worker can make ends meet ... every family can afford housing and every small business, on every main street, has an opportunity to succeed.

We in the Senate have outlined some ambitious goals for this legislative session, including some we have worked on for several years.

This session we will work towards:

- A dedicated funding stream for affordable housing, and ending housing discrimination based on source of income;
- Supporting small businesses, the backbone of our economy, as they weather the economic fallout of the pandemic;
- Establishing a pathway to a \$15 minimum wage;
- Passing a strong Equal Pay Act;
- Reforming our income tax structure so that everyone pays their fair share;
- Codifying the protections of the Affordable Care Act;
- Improving access to telemedicine and mental health services;
- Addressing the high cost of prescription drugs; and
- Increasing utilization of renewable energy, improving resiliency and reducing plastic waste.

Additionally, I have asked Majority Leader Michael McCaffrey and Chairman Josh Miller to work together to develop a framework to legalize and regulate recreational marijuana.

The elections are behind us. It is time for us to set about the hard work of governing.

I am very grateful to those in this chamber who have chosen to seek a path of collaboration in order to make real progress.

Ideological hyperbole may play well on Twitter, but it's not likely to help in the development of successful legislation.

We come from different backgrounds and represent different districts. It is important that we start from a place of respect for our many different points of view, and seek to find and build upon our common ground.

These are difficult times. There is uncertainty about how well and how soon we can contain the virus.

But there is also hope. We have promising vaccines which are already being administered to our heroic health care workers on the front lines and to high risk groups.

We can look forward with hope to a return to some normalcy as we all get the vaccine, and put virus behind us. I encourage everyone to get inoculated.

And there is hope that, working together, we can deliver assistance to struggling Rhode Island residents and businesses, improve public policies, and rebuild our state better than before.

I want to take a moment to commend Governor Gina Raimondo. She has been accessible and responsive throughout this crisis, and provided exemplary leadership for our state.

I have already had the opportunity to work with Joe Shekarchi to develop a budget during these difficult times.

He truly rose to the challenge, and I look forward to working with him and the House of Representatives this session.

Congratulations, Mr. Speaker.

I also want to say how fortunate I am to work alongside Majority Leader Michael McCaffrey and Majority Whip Maryellen Goodwin, whose partnership has been invaluable to me.

I have tremendous respect for Minority Leader Dennis Algiere, and I look forward to working with him, our new President Pro Tempore, all the members of the leadership team, and all the members of the Senate, in a productive new session.

Happy New Year to all.

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MICHAEL J. MCCAFFREY

As we again begin anew, Lord, we ask that strength and courage be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding. May the good that lies in each of us be magnified. May we see not that which divides us but that which unites us. We ask that You bestow a special blessing of good health and happiness on each member and their families. Amen.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 10.7.1 of the Interim Rules of the Senate, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

2021-H

2021-S _____ / _____ Adoption of the Interim Rules of the Senate
(Bill Number) (Advice & Consent or Order of Business)

* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

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Respectfully Submitted

[Signature]

Senator Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senate District 7

1/5/21

Date

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island
County of Providence

On this 4th Day of January, 2021, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Frank A. Ciccone, III, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

[Signature]

Notary Public Signature

Stephen S. Iannazzi

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Reading Clerk

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 10.7.1 of the Interim Rules of the Senate, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

- 2021-H
 - 2021-S _____ / _____ **Election of the President of the Senate**
(Bill Number) (Advice & Consent or Order of Business)
- * If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio
Name of Candidate

Respectfully Submitted,

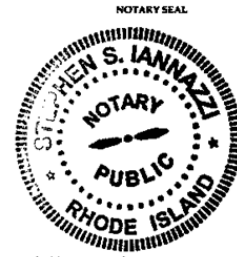
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Senate District 7

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Clerk

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 10.7.1 of the Interim Rules of the Senate, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

2021-H Election of the Reading Clerk of the Senate
2021-S / John S. Baxter, Jr.
(Bill Number) (Advice & Consent or Order of Business)
* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature of Senator Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senator Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senate District 7

Date 1/5/2021

NOTARY

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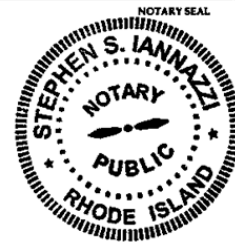
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Signature of Notary Public Stephen S. Iannazzi

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Signature of Reading Clerk
Reading Clerk

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

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Pursuant to Rule 10.7.1 of the Interim Rules of the Senate, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

- 2021-H
- 2021-S _____ / _____ Election of the Secretary of the Senate
(Bill Number) (Advice & Consent or Order of Business)
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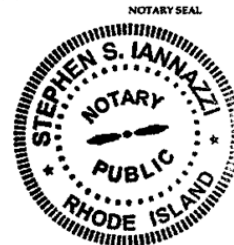
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VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 10.7.1 of the Interim Rules of the Senate, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

2021-H Election of the President Pro Tempore
2021-S Senator Hanna M. Gallo
(Advice & Consent or Order of Business)
* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

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Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senate District 7
Date

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island
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On this 4th Day of January, 2021, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Frank A. Ciccone, III, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

Notary Public Signature, Stephen S. Iannazzi, Notary Public Printed, 751711, Notary ID, 06/22/2022, Commission Expiration



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2021-S Senator Roger A. Picard
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